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## events dates

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At a recent conference on shark countermeasures several scientific gentlemen decided that they needed much more actual data on shark incidents before proper developments of techniques and equipment for repelling sharks can be undertaken. They are requesting that water people all over the world, and especially skin divers, report factual incidents about sharks to them. Write to Dr. Carl Hubbs, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, Calif.

Bill Barada and his color film "Octopus", which was shown on the television program "Bold Journey", are available for showing to interested groups. This film is about the largest octopus in the world and the film is the story of Puget Sound skin divers and their method of wrestling octopus in hand to tentacle combat underwater. Write or call Bill at 2306 Amherst, Los Angeles 64, Calif. Fone GR. 9-2540.

The Vancouver Sub-Aquatic Club will hold a Centennial spearfishing meet on May 4th. Complete details are not available at this time, however all clubs in Oregon, Washington and Canada will be notified by mail.

At a meeting of the East Coast Spearfishing Committee, held in Norwalk, Conn., March 29th, it was decided to let the Connecticut Council run the East Coast A.A.U. Championships in July. Watch for further information on time, date, and eligibility.

Long Beach Neptunes Annual Sea Food Dinner will be held on May 17, 6:30 p.m., at the Los Altos United Church, 5550 Atherton Street, Long Beach, California. Door prizes, entertainment and the best of sea food for a donation of \$2.50. Call HEmlock 7-4447 or GArfield 3-3939 (Long Beach) for information and reservations.

New Florida Women's Chairman—Miss Kay Stephenson, 632 South Olive Street, West Palm Beach, Florida, was appointed as Florida Chairman of the Women's Underwater Spearfishing Committee on April 1. Girls planning on entering the Women's Invitational or Florida Eliminations should contact Kay immediately for time, dates, etc.

Skin Diver Magazine has worked long and hard at the task of compiling a complete list of underwater organizations for the Roster published in this issue. We realize that many of the currently active clubs are not listed, however not through any fault of ours. If you have a complaint, give it to your club secretary or correspondent.

### cover

Here it is at last! the cover of SKIN DIVER beautifully decorated with emblems from clubs from all over the nation. If you will remember, we started collecting material for this cover early in 1957 and have just now received enough to complete the cover. At an appropriate time of the year, too, on the same issue as the list of clubs. Full color photography of the emblems was made by Tom Kelly of Hollywood, California.

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Historic Goggles-A pair of goggles that once belonged to the old master of skin diving Guy Gilpotric, author of "The Compleat Goggler," are shown being tried on by Everett Bennie of Madison, New Jersey, who recently acquired



Point Mugu (Calif.) white sea bass taken by O. H. Billman. The fish measured 41/2 feet and was speared at 30 feet. Very few whites have been seen in this area.

### LATE ENTRY CLUB ROSTER

The following clubs and organizations were received too late to be included in the master roster of skin diving clubs around the world.

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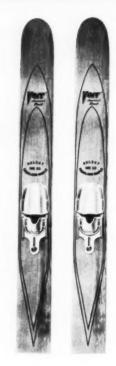
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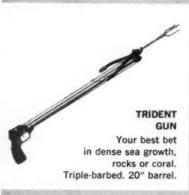
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### LETTERS

. . . I saw the letter in the March issue of S.D. about people under 21 joining clubs. There was a small club here that didn't do very good because most of the members didn't have much time to get off from work, that is to get a good trip to Florida or the Atlantic coast. So I am going to try to start a club. A friend of mine and I are going to start this club among teenagers here.

Every member of the club would have their vacations at the same time. Therefore we could easily take these trips. The diving isn't very good around here so our best diving could be done on trips like this. So I would appreciate a letter from anyone who could give me some advice on starting a club like this and also remarks about what they would think about a club for teenagers. I have been diving for about nine years and believe I could teach new comers with (maybe if I can get one of the adults to help me) some help from one of the adult divers here. Some of the boys here seem to be interested.

Cam McCoy 768 Greeley Drive Nashville 9, Tennessee

club in this locality. This presents many problems in that I have been unable to contact anyone experienced in "Lung" diving, including myself. However, have been diving since 1945, having learned considerable from Japanese divers without the use of breathing apparatus.

It is hoped this will find its way into your letter column with the object of receiving advice regarding "Lung" diving, pointers and assistance in organizing a club and any other pertinent information other groups are willing to pass along. All letters will be answered promptly and in detail, and will certainly be appreciated.

Paul Bowman Chas. Martin & Company c/o Mene Grande Oil Company Punto Fijo, Estado Falcon Venezuela

. . . Dear Captain Cousteau: We, the members of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, in behalf of our entire membership, would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your appearance at our recent banquet here in Chicago. Your three films were exceptionally interesting, and your narration of them held the interest of everyone present.

For just a little while, you transported the divers of Illinois to some of the far-off places of the world that most of us have just heard about. Your opening remarks concerning your past, present, and future activities has given us a new concept of the possibilities of our chosen sport, and for all this, we send our thanks

You have always enjoyed the reputation of being the number one man of diving here in the middle west, as well as the rest of the world: however your appearance here has shown us what a warm and friendly person you are, and you have certainly proven and enhanced your position in the minds of everyone who was in attendance. We hope your schedule will allow you to be our honored speaker at our second annual banquet, sometime in February, 1959.

With our warmest personal regards to Mrs. Cousteau and yourself, we are

Respectfully, Illinois Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc.

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It is hoped that at least 30 divers will paricipate—all being experienced divers. The limiting factor is the depth of the Loch—in some parts over 700 feet deep, but Scottish swimmers are hoping that some trace will be found in the Loch of the World's most famed mystery monster.

Clubs represented will be: The Dundee Sub Aqua Club the Dundee Undersea Research Group, the Edinburgh branch of the British Sub Aqua Club, the Scottish Sub Aqua Club and the Scottish Underwater Research Group.

The Loch Ness Monster-or "Nessie" as it is familiarily called, has been seen many of hundreds of times in the last 50 years.' Roger Bruce

Scotland

### Aquatic films for rent

Enthusiastic underwater clubs and organizations will be interested in viewing a group of films gathered by Bailey Films, Inc., 6509 DeLongpre Avenue, Hollywood 28, California. Many of the films in this group are helpful to beginners and neophytes in the diving game.

Film titles and the rental prices are: "Learning to Swim", "Crawl", \$3; "Back Stroke", \$3; "Breast Stroke", \$3; "Swimming for Beginners", \$2; "Advanced Swimming", \$2; "Diving Fundamental", (Board) \$2; "Muscle Beach", \$5: "Sea Hunt", \$6; "Spills and Splashes". \$2; "Swimming and Diving Aces" (Board) \$2; "Underwater Champions", \$2 and "Underwater Spearfishing", 53. >m

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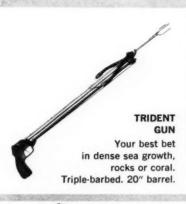
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Each team consists of five men, three of which are actively engaged in the game; the other two are substitute. A substitution may be made at any ime during the game by withdrawing one active player from the water at the entry point, then having a substitute enter in his place.

The teams line up at opposite ides of the deep end of the pool facing each other. The puck is centered in the middle of the playing field and the cory ordeal is about to begin.

Upon the starting signal both sides start for the puck and attempt to propel it across their opponent's goal line (which may be a tar line or the side of the pool their opponents start from.) This is the only way to score and is worth one point.

The puck may only be propelled by a contestant's foot; no other part of his body may be used. In blocking the puck or an opponent's attempt at the puck, you may use any part of your body except your hands and arms, which in no case, except for propulsion, are used in the game.

The pulling off of masks or holding an opponent with the hands or arms is strictly illegal as is entangling an opponent with your legs.

After a goal is scored the teams are given 11/2 minutes before the next point is started. A non-contestant shall center the puck at this time.

A game shall last 30 minutes inclusive of the 11/2 minutes between points and a 3-minute half-time break. Each team may call a 1 minute time out in each half. This minute is added to the 11/2 minutes between points. Each time out extends the 30 minute game a minute

There shall be two officials. An underwater referee to detect infractions of the rules and an official who shall keep the time, verify time out, substitutions, and perform all acts deemed necessary for the good of the sport. These officials should be agreed upon by the team captains before the game.

No penalties have been formed yet as very few fouls have been committed among Illinois clubs. However penalties shall be drawn up soon for inter-state competitions, which I am sure are not far off.-ROBERT HILL.

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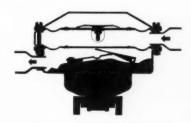
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Two girls make a team, the minimum age limit is 16 years, and to make sure that the competition will be a resounding success the Grand Bahama Club is donating trophies to the winners and contestants as well as offering free room and meals to the first four teams registering for four full days, August 13 through the 17th.

Teams are expected from several of the Associations with potential winners coming from the Northeast, Florida, West Coast, New York and Gulf areas.

If there is more than one team in your Association it will be necessary to have eliminations to pick a representative team for the Invitational. Be sure to secure your A.A.U. travel permits.

For eligibility requirements, registration, and further information write to: Kate Miller, National Chairman, Women's Competitive Skin Diving Committee, 3001 Stanford Avenue, Venice, California.

This is a good chance for the girl divers in the family to travel along with their husbands to the National Championships to be held on August 17 in the same area. And too, girl skin divers in Washington, Oregon and California Associations can take advantage of the Greyhound National Special that leaves from Los Angeles for the Nationals, economy price for the Special is \$100.99.

#### **TEXAS** SPEARFISHING CONTEST

The Inland Divers Association Board of Directors have resolved to sponsor the first Texas Spearfishing Contest to be held June 8 in conjunction with a meeting on June 7 of southwest clubs to form the Southwest Council of Divers. The meeting and contest will be held at Possum Kingdom Lake near Mineral Wells Texas. Headquarters will be Scenic Lodge Point Camp. A large lodge has been readied for the Association meeting on Saturday at 10 a.m. The lodge will also be used as headquarters for the contest, Compressed air, boats, cabins, food and camping facilities are available. All clubs and divers are invited: for more information call Hal Lattimore or Bert Smith at EDison 5-1261, Pt. Worth, Texas.

### PACIFIC COAST WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's Pacific Coast Underwater Spearfishing Championships will be held on Sunday, July 27, 1958, in Laguna Beach, Calif. Trophies and medalions will be awarded the winners. Also the winning team's names will be inscribed on the perpetual Pacific Coast trophy which graces Helms Athletic Hall.

A team from the S.P.A.A.U. with the heaviest total aggregate weight will represent this area in the Open U.S.A. Women's Invitational at the Grand Bahama Islands on August 16, 1958.

The minimum age is 16 years. For further information contact Kate Miller. Chairman of the Women's Underwater Spearfishing Committee, 3001 Stanford Ave., Venice, Calif. and

### A FEW NOTES ON WEST END

### By EUGENE D. VEZZANI

The Island is a fisherman's paractise, abounding in every species of warm water fish and having an overabundance of enormous grouper, barracuda and snapper. The geological formations surrounding the island are unique for that part of the country in that the formations consist of enormous gray rocky ledges, caves and valleys which shelter this over-abundant and unnatural quantity of fish life. The water depths run from shallow to eighty feet around the Island with visibility a clear seventy-five to one hundred feet. Sponges, coral and shells in every variety are in evidence. The area even for the experienced spearfisherman is virgin in every respect. A true fisherman's paradise.

The Grand Bahama Club, housing three hundred to five hundred guests, has every modern facility. Almost every sport can be had. The food is par excellent and the service is superb. Buzz Campbell, who is the resident skin diving instructor there, also maintains a retail diving equipment shop, having available flippers to cameras. A modern air-compressor is also available. A small fleet of fourteen fast boats especially designed for skin diving are available. Experienced native guides can take you to the best spots or you can go in from the beach. Dancing and entertainment during the evening is to be had as well as baby-sitters for the married people who can't leave the children at home.

You can reach this island by twentyeight minutes in the air by Mackey Airlines from West Palm Beach, Florida, at a round trip cost of only \$15.50 per person. Room, board and many extras run approximately \$11.00 per day, modified American Plan, per person.



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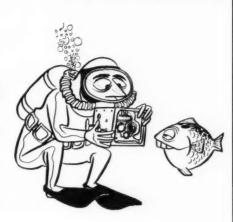
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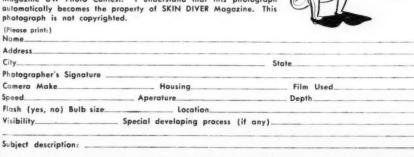
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### GRAND BAHAMA CUP

Open Invitational Skin Diving Meet August 17, 1958 Sponsored by Grand Bahama Club, Ltd. By RALPH N. DAVIS

The Grand Bahama Club and the Competitive Skin Diving Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, cordially invites your country to be represented at an International Open Underwater Spearfishing Meet in the Bahama Islands on August 17, 1958.

The Grand Bahama Cup (Perpetual Trophy) will be awarded for the first time this year with accompanying permanent awards and medals to the contestants.

Each country is invited to send a (3) three man team plus a captain.

The Grand Bahama Club, sponsor of the event, will furnish room and board, expense free, for four days to the international teams from Italy, France, Yugoslavia, and Canada, for a maximum of four persons per country.

The Grand Bahama Cup Meet will be run concurrently with the 9th annual United States Underwater Spear-

fishing Championship.

Representing the United States is the Long Beach Neptunes Club Team, winning 1956 and 1957 U. S. Champions and fourth place team at the 1957 European Underwater Spearfishing Championships.

This is again an opportunity for the European countries to show their ability in American waters similar to those of the Mediterranean. At the fourth annual European Underwater Spearfishing Championships in Yugoslavia in 1957, Italy was first, Yugoslavia second, France third and the United States fourth.

At the request of the Grand Bahama Club, Ltd., only Italy, France, Yugoslavia, Canada and the Championship teams representing Central and South America are invited to attend this event. The U.S. National Championships and the Open International Skin Diving meet will be held concurrently, but only in that the teams from the U.S.A., Europe, Central and South America will be fishing in the same general area and at the same time. The U.S.A. National Championships and the Open International Skin Diving Meet are distinctly separate events, except that the highest scoring team as between both events will be awarded the Grand Bahama

Grand Bahama Island, West End, is located 63 miles from West Palm Beach, Florida and may be reached by Trans World Airlines from Europe and Pan-American Airways from South and Central America.

Appointed by National A.A.U. Chairman, Serge Birn, to head this event is Eugene D. Vezzani, 66 Pryor St. N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia.



### WEST COAST DIVERS BUS TO BAHAMAS FOR NATIONALS

Two large air-conditioned Grevhound busses will leave Los Angeles on Saturday, August 9, with an assorted load of passengers including contestants for the National Underwater Spearfishing Championships, other divers, families of divers, and interested divers for the largest and longest pleasure trip ever offered to the spearfishing clan. Complete arrangements have been made to charter two Greyhound busses for the round trip to the Bahamas which will find the passengers bussing from Los Angeles to West Palm Beach, Florida ... then flying over 126 miles of Atlantic to the Grand Bahama Club, West End, Grand Bahama Island.

The entire cost of the round trip is the staggering economical price of \$100.99 . . . bus and plane fare, all wrapped up to total \$100.99! The Grand Bahama Club has been described as the Shangri-la of the Caribbean for divers, spearfishermen and their families. The Club and the region of West End has everything . . . baby sitters, clear warm water, millions of marine animals, shells, night clubs, Calypso music . . .

Please note that this special charter trip is not confined to contestants only. All divers wanting to join the group are welcome and invited, and at the same rates, \$100.99.

The bus leaves Saturday, August 9 and returns Sunday, August 24. Fifteen full days. The round trip agenda is three days by bus to West Palm Beach, the short flight over to the West End, nine days of fun and skin diving at the Grand Bahama Club, the brief flight back to West Palm Beach and then the return trip to Los Angeles, three days

The Grand Bahama Club is a tropic-

Getting a sample of spearfishing in the West End are Dr. J. C. Wickman, Georgia A.A.U.; Jack Slack, Florida A.A.U.; Buzz Campbell, Grand Bahama Club; Gene Vezzani, National Vice Chairman A.A.U.; and George Krasle, Georgia A.A.U.

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Accommodations at the Grand Bahama Club have been arranged for all visitors to the National Championships as follows: \$11 per day for each person, double occupancy; \$10 per day for each person, triple occupancy; children under 12 years, \$7 per day or \$6 per day when sharing room with parents. All under the modified American plan.

The busses will be filled on a first come-first-served-basis, each bus will carry 39 people and they must be full charters. Place the full deposit of \$100.99 before July 18 to be sure that you are going to be one of the divehappy crowd for the fifteen day tour. Make your reservations and deposit with

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### National Underwater Spearfishing Championship

August 17, 1958, Sponsored by Grand Bahama Club, Ltd., under Sanction of the A.A.U., in Cooperation with the National Competitive Skin Diving Committee.

### By RALPH N. DAVIS

Grand Bahama Island, located 63 miles east of West Palm Beach, Florida, is the unusual and highly desirable location for the '58 Nationals.

The Grand Bahama Club, located on the extreme West and will be host to the seven champion teams from each Regional Division of the U. S. (Pacific Northwest, West Coast, Northeast Atlantic, Southeast Atlantic, Gulf Coast, Great Lakes, Central.)

A certain percentage of funds should be available to transport the Regional Champion Teams to the Nationals. For specific information contact Eugene Vezzani, Chairman, 1958 National A.A.U. Underwater Spearfishing Championship, 66 Pryor St. N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

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According to information received, all seven of the eligible Regional Champion Teams will be transported free from the mainland of the U.S. to Grand Bahama Island in the British West Indies.

The big question is: will the Long Beach Neptunes do it again?

For two years these diligent trainers have won the National A.A.U. Championships on both coasts of the United States and shown a commanding edge at the majority of trials, eliminations, dub, area, association and Regional meets.

Here is the comforting thought to the Southeastern or Florida teams that have competed at the Nationals. The Southeast will have their outstanding Regional Champion team competing in warm water without rubber suits for the first time in three years. They will also be competing in waters in which they are thoroughly familiar with the coral formations of the playing field and the species of fish.

This experience made a difference in 1954 when the famous Pinder brothers pinned back the ears of the defending National and Regional California teams.

In spite of the seeming dominance of California teams, the Pacific Coast has only won two of the last four National Championships.

Our report in next month's magazine will cover the coordination of the U.S. National Championship with the European Underwater Spearfishing Championship that is to be held in Portugual this year.



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# HOW TEXAS PASSED A LAW

By BERT M. SMITH, JR.

Texas divers have been liberated—throughout the State, skin divers are enjoying the sport of spearfishing rough fish. We now have a respectable place among the sportsmen of a state that once had the door shut to skin divers.

It wasn't easy. A healthy understanding of skin divers and spearfishing was obtained only through hard work in public relations and skin diver education. But it is worth the trouble,

In Texas we have many large clear lakes with depths to 200 ft., rock cliff shore lines and plenty of carp, buffalo and gar. As diving progressed, clubs formed but spearfishing remained "off limits." The reasons were obscure and divers found ways and means to spearfish.

Game wardens knew divers were spearfishing—but Texas didn't have any scuba trained game wardens. Spearguns in 75 ft. of water are hard to find (sometimes even for the diver). At this rate, Texas would soon be like Florida—something had to be done.

Our club, "The Inland Divers Association, Inc." of Fort Worth, Texas, was the largest. We organized in 1952 and by 1956 boasted over 60 active divers. The Dallas Divers were becoming very active—our two clubs were sending 50 to 100 divers to Possom Kingdom Lake (our favorite) each weekend.

Game wardens were getting touchy—fishermen were becoming suspicious! Trouble was brewing—

Then came a break. A good friend was to be guest speaker to a Texas A&M Alumni Association luncheon. "Good Friend" became ill and sent me an S. O. S. to take his place. To this point, my Toastmaster training had only been good for meals. Now, I had to produce.

A good steak went cold and stiff before they finished club business. However, my trembling knees became rigid when I felt the interest of the group. Skin diving is a fascinating subject. This was fun—

Next came invitations from other clubs—Boy Scout groups, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Insurance Adjusters \scitchis sociation, and even the Jr. Woman's club.

Our club saw the "light." A well informed public was our best friend. We became "Publicity Hounds"—talks on skin diving were available anyplace—anytime. We took pictures, made sequences of our activity on color slides for demonstration.

We hit the jackpot. The Angler's Association invited us to give the program at their monthly meeting. This was a real chance—State Senators and Representatives were to be present.

The Angler's Club meeting hall was packed with several hundred fishermen.



Bert Smith sets his spear in anticipation of the fish waiting for him in Possom Kingdon Lake.

Many divers also attended. Interest was so intense that even old experienced divers were asking questions. The fishermen were on our side. Senator Doyle Willis stood up—congratulated us on our work—and said that he would introduce a spearfishing bill to the Texas Senate.

We celebrated-before the week was out, every diver had a speargun. But

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Governor Price Daniel affixes his name to the Texas spearfishing bill as interested divers witness the signing. Standing (I-r) Gerald Henderson, Bert Smith, Ted Cromer, Jim Whisenand, Senator Doyle Willis and Larry McDermott. Missing from the scene, but important to the drawing of the bill and its passage is Hal Lattimore of the Inland Divers Association, Inc.

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Some camp owners, sporting goods dealers and others were not receptive to this sudden change.

We then reorganized our attack. Hal Lattimore, an Attorney, measured up to the legal task. Erwin Click, Dub Johnston, Larry McDermott, Gene Eichholtz, Bob Hill, and other divers joined our Public Relations Team.

Gene Eichholtz taught swimming and life saving classes. Bob Hill, Hal Lattimore, and Eichholtz continued with Scuba classes. Anyone could sign-up. We were busy.

Hal Lattimore started the legal ball rolling. His first pass was a proposed outline on January 25, 1957 to Senator Doyle Willis.

We continued scuba classes. We included newspaper sports writers and photographers—they in turn wrote favorable stories on skin diving. We offered our services to the Commission. They have used divers in Lake Travis on research.

The Texas Game and Wildlife Commission was on our side. We were trying to keep skin diving honest and an asset to the community. The Commission backs good sportsmen. But still a law had to be passed.

Our Public Relations Team remained busy. Every week end that we went to the lake, we would check with camp operators, we would do such things as find lost anchors, or tie down boat houses. Often we would find some customer's rod and reel that fell off a fishing pier. They too became our friends.

#### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED S. B. No. 427—Willis

An ACT making it lawful to take rough fish by spear fishing methods, or with bow and arrow in the public fresh waters of Texas; defining rough fish; prohibiting possession of other fish when using such devices; and

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

declaring an emergency.

Section 1. It shall be lawful to take rough fish with a speargun and spear or bow and arrow in the public waters of the State of Texas at any time. Rough fish shall be defined as carp, buffalo, gasper gou, gar fish, and Rio Grande perch. A spear gun as used in this Act shall be defined as any type of device used for propelling a spear underwater as a means of taking fish.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful to have in possession any fish other than carp, buffalo, gasper gou, gar fish, and Rio Grande perch while using a spear gun or spear and bow and arrow for taking such fish.

Sec. 3. The fact that the overpopulation of rough fish in the public fresh waters of this State is detrimental, and the fact that the above methods will serve to reduce such overpopulation, and the fact that the calendars of both Houses are crowded at this date in the session, constitute an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be and the same is hereby suspended; and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

At 9:00 P. M. during our April 1957 club meeting, Senator Willis called. His long distance call from our State capital at Austin was the pay-off. We were requested to appear at Governor Price Daniel's office to witness the signing of Senate Bill 427, and to meet the Governor.

Texas spearfishing Bill 427 was passed as an emergency bill.

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# One way to start an organization ...

# SUCCESS CLUB

By RALPH CARLIN

We in the Miami Morays have noticed that each issue of the "Skin Diver" seems to carry at least one plea from an individual or group seeking guidance in forming a skin diving club.

Since there never seems to be anyone willing to give a concrete answer, we would like to pass on our experience to those who might use it. It may seem presumptuous of a club which has been in existence only a year to give advice; but, we believe our approach has been somewhat novel and warrants your serious consideration.

We think that we have found an ideal formula. Not one, we realize, workable in all cases, but there are points which apply in any part of the country.

We are convinced that all over the country there are men and boys who have the desire and willingness to work to accomplish their ends. There are those who have an extensive background in skin diving and are well informed about the technical aspects of the sport. Those who have the driving desire to perfect their knowledge and have realized that this can only be done through an organization of like-minded

But, those people have already organized clubs and don't need advice.

This article is addressed to the divers who find that, if there are any local clubs, the doors are closed to them either by restricted memberships, difficult tests, or other obstacles; but who know that without organization they will stay on the beach while the fun is out in the water.

If you fit this description, then this article is for you.

Perhaps we should give you some background on our club to show that we, not so long ago, were perhaps worse off than most aspiring club organizers who read this article.

For example, among the three organizers, Don McGee, Jerry Crider, and the writer, one had never skin dived before

in his life; two had never used Scuba gear; and all of us had a different idea of the purpose of a club.

Don McGee, who had experience with Scuba (one solo dive), wanted a club about as much as he wanted hives. But, Don, who will do anything twice if he has done it once and lived, was still feeling lonesome from having gone to fifty feet without having to keep his mind on the restriction of an undersupply of air.

Jerry Crider, an ex-paratrooper, was just looking for an interesting change from an accountant's job. If someone had come along with an airplane, an umbrella, and a way to fish on the way down, we would have lost him then and there. But, the chance to combine fishing and exercise at reasonable cost interested him.

As for myself, I was beginning to feel that what I had seen free diving was worth more time. But every year it was getting more difficult to cram less air into my lungs and, like Jerry, the race with the spare tire around the middle was beginning to be a losing one. Scuba diving looked over my financial head, and occasional free diving wasn't giving the thrill it had.

None of us particularly wanted to form a club, and least of all wanted to join an established group.

But, skin diving is by nature a group sport, and we realized that we needed some sort of organization to give our activities direction.

Our first step was to look for a "Guy with a boat.'

Strangely, one of the most common complaints we hear from other clubs is the difficulty in finding suitable boats. We had three the first week.

In organizing a skin diving club never underestimate the value of the "Guy with the boat." You don't need a cabin cruiser, even an outboard will be satisfactory. Just be sure it is suitable for the type of diving you plan to do. Observe the rules of the Coast Guard, and the manufacturers instructions. The majority of skin diving accidents in this area have been caused by improper use

So, remember this is a sport and not a form of suicide. The boat and the man who runs it is a good place to

We have been able to recruit good boats and skippers with very little trouble by offering the owner a fair return for value received and doing our part with the maintenance and cleaning up after trips.

Our experience indicates that in every part of the country there are guys with boats who are just not getting the enjoyment out of them that they should. When trying to recruit a boat-keep in mind that they are expensive to maintain even when not in use. And, they take a lot of hard work just to keep looking presentable.

Also, the average fellow who owns a large boat usually doesn't get to use it as much as he would like because they are even more expensive to run.

Therefore, if you can offer a clear understanding to your members that they are, in effect, hosts to the owner as far as expense and maintenance are concerned; and, that they are obligated to see that his day is as enjoyable as yours, you will never have a day sitting on the beach wishing for a boat.

Of course, you always chance running into a minor league "Captain Bleigh" (thank heaven, we have not). Our only suggestion is to keep in mind that it is his boat. Pay for the gas and any other expenses-then, forget it. There are too many sincere boating enthusiasts who will be happy for your company under the above proposition.

We pay the club a flat fee of \$3.00 for members, \$4.00 for diving quests, and \$1.00 for wives, per trip. The surplus goes into a special fund for upkeep and improvement of the boats. I think you can see the value of this. The reason for going into such detail on this one

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dub, o include quick mell, a point is that the major complaint we hear from owners who have taken guests, not only skin divers, but any guests, is the lack of consideration and tendency to take over everything but the work.

Remember, the owner has the responsibility of getting you there and back. Everything you do to make that job more carefree is insurance of a good trip. Take care of the "Guy with the boat."

With three boats, our next problem was to get enough people to fill them. Therefore, we started a membership drive which we believe is a model of simplicity.

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We started asking among friends, neighbors, at work, and among people we met in the supply stores, and on the street—"Want to go skin diving next Sunday?"

Even those who answered "Hell, no" usually knew someone who did want to go, and were glad to tell them.

So, instead of the hostility which we had been told to expect, we have had nothing but cooperation from all the persons and organizations we have contacted.

If you think this method of recruiting is hap-hazard and risky, consider this. We have members who have put in, since they joined our club, over 30 hours under ocean water and have never had an accident, large or small. At least one boat goes every week, full to the limit, and we have never come back without fish.

Furthermore, we have never had to form a committee and never had an argument about what happened to the dues money. You will have to admit that last one is quite an accomplishment.

Our members now range from 14 years minimum to—well, her grand-children could be members, too. We have doctors, accountants, school boys, playboys, mechanics, businessmen, and we are still growing.

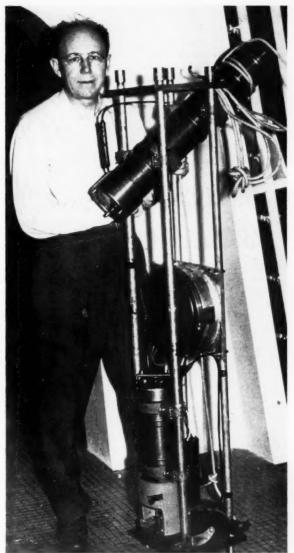
But, it is not only because of the advantages we can offer the independent divers in our area; but, we realize the sport is growing and we are trying to help it. We still consider every man or woman who enjoys swimming a potential candidate for membership and so should you.

Our original equipment was one second hand regulator, two masks, two sets of flippers, two very worn spearguns,

Today, our combined equipment is valued at many thousands of dollars, and a great deal of it is custom built by members and donated for use by the dub, or sold to members at cost. This includes seasleds by Bob Wright, custom quick release backpacks by Joe Rotramell, and, an inexpensive underwater

Deep sea camera as used to photograph the bottom of the Romanche Trench at 25,000 feet down. This crack in the bottom of the ocean is on the equator about half way from Africa to South America.

The camera and electronic flash lamp were constructed at Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a grant from the National Geographic Society. Harold Edgerton stands beside the camera. An account of the expedition to the Romanche Trench is given in the March 1958 issue of National Geographic.



tug is being developed by Ralph Coleman.

Since we are interested in getting members who dive, our initiation fee and dues are fair but high enough to cover expenses including purchases of special equipment. We furnish equipment to any prospective member except air in rental tanks. It gives him a chance to go and see for himself at minimum cost.

We don't "look him over." If he has been invited by a member that is good enough. It is up to him.

We specialize in Scuba diving, but, there are several excellent free divers in our club. However, there just isn't any reason for a confirmed diver to join our operation unless he or she wishes to learn Scuba techniques.

By keeping diving activity to a maximum, we have reduced the cost of diving to four dollars for a full day, complete with trip and air, for a member

who has full equipment including tanks. And, I don't think any other club in the country can do better than that. We hope to get it down to \$3.50 by next summer.

Any club in the country can do the same if you don't get diverted by side issues. Don't get involved too soon in activities other than diving. Our advice is to do only those things which will make diving less expensive and safer.

Let me tell you some blunt truths. Too many clubs of all kinds deteriorate into warring factions because they try to do too many things at once. The next step is to deteriorate into nothing.

As I described in the beginning the three of us who started the Morays all thought we had different reasons for wanting a club. Our salvation has been that we took time to think out precisely what we did want and then took time to find out what the experience of other

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# COUNCIL FOR UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY

JOHN HUSTON

The Council for Underwater Archaeology is a group of skin divers, archaeologists and laymen organized to encourage the development of underwater archaeology. Until recently the potential of this branch of archaeology was largely unrecognized. With Cousteau's work at Grand Congloue, world-wide attention has been drawn to the contribution the free diver can make to historical knowledge.

For centuries divers have made chance discoveries but not until 1901, was any organized effort made to raise submerged objects. That year helmet divers at Antikythera brought up the greatest single collection of classical Greek sculpture ever found which is now part of the Greek national treasure.

Later similar projects at Cape Artemission and Marathon in Greece also recovered Greek objects while divers at Mahdia, off the coast of Africa raised Roman objects from a submerged ship. These expeditions were typical museum searches for art objects, never attempting an excavation of the site.

In contrast, Cousteau's work at Grand Congloue, a rocky island near Marseille, is a full archaeological excavation. This ship mound is the first to be methodically excavated, using the techniques now available for underwater work. In the Americas pioneer work was done by E. A. Link and Mendel Petersen. Grand Congloue is not a

quest for art but for knowledge of classical shipping and the spread of civilization throughout the Mediterranean area. The organizers of the Council of Underwater Archaeology have formed the Council to further such disciplined submarine excavation.

A large amount of manpower is needed to explore any set territory. Luckily there are ample qualified and willing to help in this scientific work. Thousand of amateurs divers in the United States and foreign countries are qualified to help in this scientific work. These divers alone have the means of finding and recovering objects from below, and many are now looking for ancient wrecks, hoping to find personal adventure and the "treasure." Unfortunately pure adventure is too often destructive, as in the case of the two college students who recently came into the American Museum of Natural History, opened several large sacks and dumped parts of three bronze Hellenistic statues from the Bay of Alexandria on the floor with the question, "How much are they worth?" Few realize that in nine cases out of ten, recovered ancient objects have no commercial value. The value of these ancient finds lies rather in the addition to our knowledge and understanding of history. (Even in those rare instances when a recovered object does have significant financial value the identification and appraisal by an expert is usually required before the find can be converted into dollars.) To achieve their full value, the study and identification of objects by archaeological and/or historical experts is essential.

Every ancient underwater find is a mystery, the identity of which can only be discovered, if at all, through careful study and great effort. The solution lies in the accumulation of small bits of evidence, seemingly inconsequential. The destruction or removal of any portion of a wreck, such as a coin or a piece of charcoal, may obliterate the line of evidence leading to the historical identity. For example the small stoppers of the amphorae at Grand Congloue were the means of establishing the time, origin and manufacturer of the ship and cargo.

Working with experts enhances the adventure of undersea hunting itself. Experts in the fields of archaeology and history, familiar with ancient shipping routes and the localities of naval battles, can give aid in locating ships. Once found, an expert familiar with the construction of the ship, will know how it was loaded and the probable manner in which it broke up after sinking. Obviously with this knowledge, the diver can both recover more from the ship and eliminate much useless effort in the recovery work. Cooperating with schol-

ars, we are able to know much more about the material we find. Then, from the strictly practical view, it is very nearly impossible to get financial aid for an extensive or important excavation without archaeological support and prestige. The pioneers of skin diving, the Club de la Mer and the Club Alpin Sous Marine, have found working with professionals so rewarding that they have developed an underwater exploration program in cooperation with archaeological experts that covers entire areas of their rich field of the Cote d'Azure.

To transform underwater exploration from treasure hunting to archaeology the scientist and diver must work to gether. Bringing these two together is the prime aim of the Council.

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The Council aims to be a service organization for all participants in the field of underwater exploration and excavation. In this capacity the Council will: Maintain a register of archaeologists, legal experts, and organizations willing to help in exploration and excavation.; maintain a register of divers and other individuals qualified for expeditions; advise and assist in arranging for excavations in foreign countries; collect and dispense information on technical developments; record archaeological sites and the material found; encourage laws for the protection of sites; maintain records of expeditions and their results; set up a code of ethics for members and educate divers in the technique of exploration and protection of underwater sites; bring together divers, archaeologists and other experts for specific projects, and publish a bulletin.

The members of the Council realize that hundreds of divers all over the world have made finds of historical and archaeological significance. It is their hope to learn of as many such discoveries as possible, in the interest of education for other divers and archaeologists concerned with this field of endeavor. A significant number of archaeologists have already agreed to help divers in the excavation of their discoveries. The Council seeks information on any finds of old objects and will be happy to refer the finder to an expert in his locality. Every interested individual, amateur or professional is invited to become a member of the Council.

We ask that you write to us directly giving us: (1) your name and experience; (2) the names of others interested in the field; (3) what exploration or discoveries you know about; and (4) an application for membership for which there is no charge. Your cooperation in this venture is needed to make it a success. All correspondence should be addressed to John Huston, Secretary, 41 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

# SOUTHEAST **FLORIDA** COUNCIL OF SKIN DIVING CLUBS

P.O. Box 42543 Miami, Florida By H. V. "PAPPY" FLOOD

Representatives of eight skin diving dubs met together and formed the new Southeast Florida Council of Skin Diving Clubs. This council has as its aims the promotion of safety, sportsmanship, conservation and the general education of the public to the pleasures of the skin diving world.

One of our first acts was to accept the Divers Flag council wide. We plan to educate the boating public to its meaning and use. An interesting talk on both the Divers Flag and diving in general has already been given by one of our council members. Don McGee, president of the Miami Morays, gave this talk to one of the local U.S. Power Squadrons. More of the same is planned by other council members for other U.S. Power Squadrons, Sailing Clubs, Motor Boat Clubs, and the Rod and Reel organizations. We are fortunate in that so many of the boating populace can be reached in this manner. Many of these are visitors from the notrth, who will possibly carry the news of the diving flag back to their boating friends in the other States.

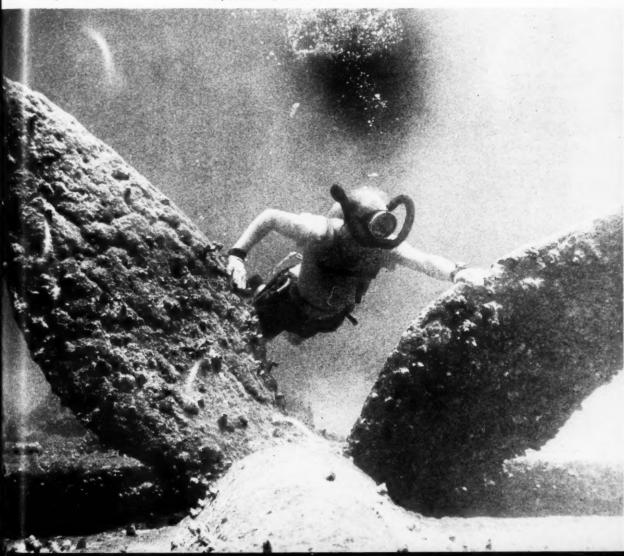
We have also launched a project designed to help the teen-agers. Our program plans are to help them to organize skin diving clubs and then to instruct them further in safety, sportsmanship and conservation. We feel that not only teen-agers, but the adults too, need our help to learn that skin diving is a healthy and clean sport.

We feel that the sport of spearfishing should have the same privileges and restrictions enjoyed by other types of fishermen and toward this end we are

dedicated.

We welcome all inquiries or suggestions to promote greater cooperation among skin divers.

Arthur C. Clarke, best-selling author of books on both Space Travel and Undersea Exploration, hangs between the blades of a sunken propeller. They mark the last resting place of one of the dozens of wrecked ships off the island of Ceylon. This is another of the outstanding photographs taken by Mike Wilson for the Clarke-Wilson Expeditions, and will be used in the forthcoming underwater photographic book for children "Boy Beneath The Sea" to be published by Harpers Brothers, New York.



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Each day the newspapers remind us of the years it will take to catch up with Russia in space flight, but at

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## UNDERWATER CLUB ROSTER

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This Official Underwater Club Roster, compiled by Skin Diver Magazine over a five months period, contains the names and addresses of 702 clubs, associations, councils and publications from all over the world. 410 of these clubs are in the United States. The roster constitutes the majority of the active underwater groups in the world at the present time.

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Few people realize that less than one one-hundredth percent of the ocean kingdom has as yet been explored, and the magnitude of wealth and natural resources lies dormant and undisturbed by man. The water world has played the role of the prophet without honor in his own hemisphere. Our government is spending only two million dollars on underwater research, compared to the tens of billions spent on outer space travel. Aside from the military standpoint, there is little comparison in the dollar-for-dollar return on our investment. (We all agree that control of outer space is necessary and vital to us because, as North aptly stated. "If we allow some hostile nation to control outer space, presently there will be no diving or research for any of us."

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Each day the newspapers remind us of the years it will take to catch up with Russia in space flight, but at

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# UNDERWATER CLUB ROSTER

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SHORTSNORT: Here's a "nosey" one from a California columnist: "That guy walking around with a bemused look on his face would be Bob Moldavan, the noted skin diver. Few days ago—in the driving rain—he and some of his buddies donned their shiny black skin diver suits and plunged into the surf off Linda Mar. Surfacing a few minutes later, Moldavan hollered to one of his friends, got no answer, paddled closer, yelling 'whatsamatter, you DEAF!—and found himself nose-to-nose with a sea lion! 'I don't think he was deaf at all,' grumbles Bob. 'Just stuck up'."

SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA — Fate sometimes works in inscrutable ways. Bernice Rousseau was thrown from her car into the Bay when her car slammed against a railing of San Mateo Bridge. Lincoln Sargentl, a truck driver who saw the accident, grabbed some rope, tied it to the railing and climbed over the side to rescue Miss Rousseau. The impact whipped open the door and hurried the college coed out of the car and over the four foot railing into the water, unhurt. The trunk of the car also came open and out flew her skin diving equipment. It plopped into the water at her side. Sounds almost like an invitation.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - A really unique new service for advertising agencies, film companies, industrial firms, magazines and other organizations has been launched in Chicago by one of the nation's top skin divers and underwater photographers. Called Adventure, Inc., the organization, according to founder Jim Thorne, "will take still or motion pictures of any subject anywhere in the world including underwater." In addition to undersea photography, for which Thorne anticipates a heavy demand (there are three films already in planning), the new firm will offer counsel to motion picture firms outdoor or scientific publications and a location guide service is also available. The testing of certain types of new equipment is a final service which Adventure, Inc. offers.

GEONA, ITALY—Skin diver Gluseppe Gerrutti is on his way to Marseille in a 10 foot

plastic boat. He is carrying a cask of water, but no food. The 22-year-old intends to skin dive for fish and cook them on an alcohol stove. With good weather he hopes to row the 210 miles to Marseille in three weeks.

FLINT, MICHIGAN—The Cuadro Pescadores have been instrumental in promoting passage of a bill through the State Senate which will permit the spearing of rough fish in waters designated by the Conservation Department. The bill will allow the use of power spears, rubber or spring propelled, in taking rough fish such as carp, dogfish and gar pikes. CO<sub>2</sub> guns will be prohibited.

CORONADO—A parley of pickle packers make the news when **The Dutchess of Dill** served soggy sandwiches and pickles at the bottom of the **Hotel del Coronado** pool. A pickle publicist dreamed the idea up to put pickles in the papers.

ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA—Next stop for underwater idiosyncrasies—Australia and an underwater pajama party Members of the Adelaide Octopus Club held the novel party at the bottom the sea of Port Noarlunga jetty. Refreshments were enjoyed (?) and a target shoot held.

TIGARD, OREGON—Police diver Harvey Grobs and newsman Jim MacLean were forced to abandon a search of the treacherous snag-filled Tualatin near Wankers Corners in a hunt for television and radio sets dumped in the river by one of three Portland burglary suspects. Grobs' suit was slashed by debris and cold and poor visibility forced MacLean to give up the search.

ASTORIA, OREGON—Diver Morris Devine made extensive investigation of damage to Sause Bros. tug Columbia Queen following the loss of the tug's rudder and being hung up on a sandbar. The tug is now undergoing repairs in drydock.

MEDITERRANEAN—Divers and archaelogists from Israel and the United States will start underwater archaeological excavations in the Mediterranean this spring in an attempt to discover the ancient harbor of Caesarea. A preliminary survey made last year showed the outlines of the old harbor which appeared to be about four or five times larger than the present one. For many years fishermen off Caesarea have been catching jugs, vases, lamps and other objects dating back to 1500 B.C. in their nets.

MIAMI, FLORIDA—Skin diver Jacques Mayel is probably the first man ever to hitch a ride on a tiger shark. He latched a ride on a thousand pound thirteen footer in the Miami Seaquarium—with a bevy of harpoon equipped divers standing by topside if anything went amiss.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA—A 30-ton killer is roaming the California coast making forays into such well-known waters as Santa Monica and Monterey Bays. This monster is the killer whale which according to zoologist Dr. Richard Boolootian may perform it deeds of mayhem or mirth four or five feet offshore, depending on its mood and the depth of the water. There is no record of a killer whale killing a human, according to Dr. Boolootian, but skin divers should take immediate steps to get out of the area once the easy recognizable fin (large triangular dorsal fin which sticks four to seven feet out of the water) is sighted.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA—Skin divers in Australia are keeping ichthyologists at the South Australian Museum busy classifying new species of underwater life. T. D. Scott of the museum finds the job of classifying and describing the species sent to him by skin divers is fast becoming a fulltime job.

KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO—Kelleys Island, a summer resort community located in Lake Erie north of Sandusky, was without heat and electricity, its underwater power lines apparently pinched and broken by the big breakup of ice between the island and shore. Ohio Edison Co. crews had located the break and expected to call skin divers from Sandusky. Break in the 22,000 foot cable is approximately 200 feet off shore.

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EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA—A winter diving demonstration staged by the Byram Township First Aid and Rescue Squad at Lake Hopateong was punctuated by misadventures. The hard-hat diver got fouled in the rigging of a wrecking truck winch that was to lower him into the icy water. The diver went in later for a dive but quickly emerged when he found the suit had been ripped by the encounter with the winch. Then a man dressed in street clothing stepped from the dock onto the dangling diving platform. The winch was disengaged completely this time and the man and platform splashed into six feet of icy water. Three skin divers later ended the demonstration by swimming under the ice.

MONTREAL, CANADA—Divers from Riviere Des Prairies joined in the search for 11 victims of a bridge construction project. There were only three survivors out of a group of 14 workers when the sides of a high coffer dam buckled under the pressure of an ice jam on the northern outskirts of Montreal Island.

SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA—Skin divers recover a valuable glass pitcher from the waters of Lake Sunapee. The pitcher made by a Pennsylvania firm was valued at \$50.

HAMILTON, OHIO—Dayton divers join the search for a missing 16-year-old boy believed drowned in the Great Miami river. Darel Davis has been missing since a car in which he was riding plunged through a guard rail and into the river.

ASTORIA, OREGON—Skin divers will be used to find out whether the gillnet boat owned by Jack Rogers is attached to the other end of a net that was discovered by Jerry Rogers, son of the missing Jack Rogers. Coast Guardsmen believe that a boat or something heavy is holding the net in one spot. Rogers and a fishing companion, Dave Hanson, disappeared while on an inspection trip to the fishing grounds off the Megler ferry channel.

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JERUSALEM, ISRAEL—Among the entertainment being prepared by this state, which is beginning a one year celebration of its tenth anniversary as a state, is a skin diving excursion in the **Gulf of Elath** or along the **Mediteranean** coast with members of a newly organized club which will rent equipment to the tourists.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA — Today's California gold prospector is equipped with masks, fins and lung compared to his forerunner's pick and shovel. One of these modern day prospectors, Bert Taylor of Sacramento said he usually makes about \$25 during a weekend with his fascinating hobby underwater.

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA—Divers have inspected a 150 foot sunken iron barge in the Brisbane River to find out what steps can be taken to raise it. The vessel, the Crocodile, is in 11 feet of water at Hawthorne and must be removed by order of the Harbours and Marine Department.

PORTLAND, OREGON—An undersea motion picture "Father Was a Skin Diver" taken by Dr. George Pasto, three time winner of the Portland Cine Club "best film of the year" award was shown at a recent meeting of the Portland Cine Club. Dr. Pasto filmed most of the footage in deep water off Santa Catalina Island in California. The hour long adventure comedy in color and sound sympathetically portrays skin diving especially when indulged in by a near 60-year-oldster.

NEW YORK—Most recent report on the sunken Andrea Doria salvage project is that an urgent call is out for divers, offering 20% over the customarily \$75 an hour. LAKE MILTON, OHIO—The City Park and Recreation Commission prohibited all skin diving, scuba diving, ski jumps, kite skiing and flying boats on Lake Milton.

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA—Wheeling police department has received the volunteer services of a skin diver to prowl the murky depths of the Ohio River if necessary. Don Cornelia, a member of the Mountaineers Skin Divers, notified the police that his services are available to the department any time free of charge.

ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA -"Gray Ghost" has once again returned to haunt the residents along the Laguna and surrounding coastline. Twenty-five years ago a whaling boat and a 65-foot-long sperm whale entangled. The crew aboard the whaler succeeded in harpooning the "Gray Ghost", but the whale after upsetting one of the small boats and parting the line joining the harpoon sounded. Days later the body of the whale drifted into Newport Harbor. It was hauled out of the harbor, but three days later washed ashore at Laguna. Another boat tried to pull the mammal off the beach but only succeeded in pulling the whale apart. As the stench of the rotting remains became unbearable, the citizenry became short tempered. The "Gray Ghost" was cremated and the bones hauled out to sea. Now the "Gray Ghost" has once again returned as two divers, John Sanders and Joe Armfield bring up a 7 foot bone from the bottom of the ocean while engaged in salvage work off Seal Rock. The pectoral fin bone of a sperm whale was burned—the calling card of the "Gray Ghost" that has once again returned to its old haunting grounds.

UTICA, MICHIGAN—John Winter, Kenneth Sulkowski, Harvey Curtis and Richard Beckman will assist in the search for 6-year-old Gerald Thacker believed drowned in Clinton River. The four divers are awaiting the completion of a long narrow trench in the 14 inch crust of ice that coats the river.

LODI, CALIFORNIA—An underwater search by privately employed skin divers failed to turn up any trace of Harold C. March who vanished when his automobile was found in the San Joaquin River at the southwestern edge of Stockton. The search will probably not be resumed according to Earl E. Higgins, leader of the search team and president of the Stockton Sturgeons.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA—Marcus Burke had a close encounter with a shark—but lost only the tip of his fin. The 16-year-old diver was returning to shore with a bream he had speared when a shark tore the fish from the spear and swam away. Burke heading for shore felt a tug at one of his flippers and the shark shot past him. Terrified and still in deep water, he stopped kicking and swam ashore with as little splashing as possible.

BOISE, IDAHO—Members of Helldivers II were credited with finding a small leak in the Diversion dam east of Boise on the Boise River. It was the first leak since the dam's completion in 1909. The four divers reported that a hole about two feet wide and a foot deep had been worn away in the concrete at the bottom of the gate.

SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA—Hampered by mud and tides, an Army and Air Force salvage team continued efforts to recover the bodies of two Hamilton Air Force Base fliers aboard an F89 Scorpion jet fighter that crashed and burned in the shallow water of San Pablo Bay. PERTH, WEST AUSTRALIA—Six spearfishermen were accidentally marooned all day when a group of Undersea club members made a diving trip to Ledge point. The six jumped overboard while the big spearfishing boat was towed into Thompson Bay by the group's second boat. The engine trouble was repaired and a flag hoisted to recall all divers from the water. The six divers did not see the flag, but were later spotted on Phillip Rock and were left there.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA—Douglas' diving rescue group put into effect recently months of training when they were called to aid in the rescue of a downed F4D Navy jet pilot. The Helidivers successfully rescued the pilot, Leo J. Colapietro, Douglas production test pilot. (See SKIN DIVER January 1958 for story of Helidivers).

MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA—The possibility that the legendary Madre Beta of Monterey County has been discovered arose with reports of a fantastically rich gold vein struck 80 miles south of Monterey by two young prospectors, James Pauley, Monterey, and Gerald A. Doyle, Seaside. They have found quartez that assays for \$2,690 a ton. The pair believe their vein is three feet wide and 60 feet long. The pair blasted out enough ore for a general assay, but during the night rain filled the winze. Two divers brought up the ore samples which an assay will determine if the dive was successful.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—The body of Larry McDugle, Renton skin diver, was recovered from Puget Sound at Golden Gardens Beach by another diver, Charles Fendrych. McDugle's double tank and weight belt were strapped to him.

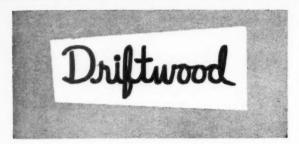
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA—The body of a 45-year-old skin diver who drowned off Jade beach when a rubber life raft capsized was discovered among the rocks at the beach by Michael Klein, 9, of Hugson. The victim's two companions escaped injury and were able to swim ashore.

PUGET SOUND, WASHINGTON — The present champion of champions in the year round Octopus Wrestling Tournament is skin diver John Tallman, an outstanding member of the Puget Sound Mudsharks. Tallman recently surfaced from a skin dive with an octopus weighing 70 pounds and measured 13 feet from tip to tip. Octopus wrestling is all done by hand and there are no spears or gaffs employed.

MONROE, MICHIGAN—Divers Lee Johns and Norman Allen responded to Monroe Sheriff's call to recover a body from a car in Lake Erle. The car was in 15 feet of water after it crashed through a crack in the ice. Three ice fishermen escaped, the fourth was trapped in the back seat of the vehicle. Lee Johns raised the victim in less than six minutes after the initial dive. Johns is a member of the Toledo Sub-Mariners.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON — Miss Margie Vinther, of the Y Divers Club, recently became the first local woman to capture an octopus barehanded. Miss Vinther subdued and captured the six-foot, ten-pound beast in 90 feet of water near Redondo, Washington. Miss Vinther is 20 years old and has been skin diving for only one year. She is an instructor in the YMCA Skin and Lung Diving classes and is secretary of the Y Divers Club. The octopus captured by Miss Vinther was displayed for several days in a local aquarium.

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... Hello, again, you characters. I assume you've read the fine articles and the interesting advertisements, and are now ready to curdle all that food for thought by enduring an eye-romp through the trenchant confessions, accounts and dissertations generously offered herein. If you have yet to write a scathing (or a provocative) missive and hurl it at us—please feel encouraged to do so instantly. We need all the zanies and sons of zanies we can garner. If you have contributed previously to this alleged page—please understand that you are invited to make the same mistake again. This remains one place where you won't be maligned for letting failure go to your head: and we'll love you for exactly who you are, hideously offbeat notions and all. However, if you are exceedingly sober-minded and afflicted with cumbersome dignity—kindly ignore this stretch of beach. We only speak nonconformity, around here, and the louder, the better . . .

I'm disappointed in the Pen Pals section of the March issue. The names listed were all those of boys. I am a member of the male sex and certainly not interested in making any male diving acquaintances. You must be one of those squares who got hooked into matrimony by some female. If you weren't, I'm sure you would include the names and addresses of a few girls in that section of your mess—oops, pardon—your page, so we lucky, unmarried fellows have a chance. So what's the word, daddybird?

CHUCK SAILE 138 Edgemont Road Rochester 20, N.Y.

The word is simply this: You lucky, unmarried guys keep on writing to girls and you'll find yourselves hooked into matrimony by some females. How do you suppose it happens—by telepathy? Besides, Driftwood is not a Young Love Bureau.

It's my opinion, Mr. Kohler, that you are a lecherous old creep. This absurd business of constantly demanding that your readers send in photos of half-dressed and, in some cases, almost undressed women only shows you up for the lecherous old creep you really are behind all that facade of good humor and cutting sarcasm. Why don't you wake up to yourself?

RHEBA GREENE Philadelphia, Penn.

If honestly enjoying the sight of attractive girls with nice figures puts me into the lecherous-old-creep category, then that's precisely what I am.

Recently, The Albany Skin Diving Club fulfilled the dreams of every junior member by giving a Scuba Course especially for their benefit. It has long been the hope of the club to provide junior members with a fundamental knowledge of Scuba diving. This course can well mean the difference between life and death to an over-confident, misinformed teenager who rushes to buy a Lung without any previous experience and knowledge of the sport. We hope we may open the eyes of many clubs who deny teenagers membership. For how can we possibly learn if you will not take us under your wing?

ED RASOWSKY (age 14) 182 North Allen Street Albany, N.Y.

How, indeed. Kudos to The Albany Skin Diving Club for doing what every club should have been doing long ago.

Man, some of the pictures of dolls you've been putting in *Driftwood* are TREMENDOUS! Although I'm unfortunately the shy type, I'm not exactly made of wood. I wonder if you'd advise me how to go about meeting some of those beauties? Man, I'm ready for romance! Have stamps, will write!

JACK (Lover Boy) HADLEY Houston, Texas

I suggest you save your stamps and start haunting the foyer of your local Y.W.C.A. Bring your credentials, of course.

I've never had the opportunity to go skin diving, but I would give just about anything to try it. I'm 14-years old, have blue eyes, blonde hair (not too blonde) and I weigh 110-pounds. If anybody has information about Ichthyology, I would be very happy to receive it since I plan to be an Ichthyologist someday. About a year ago, I read an article about Dr. Eugenie Clark. If she reads this—or if anybody knows her address—I would very much like to get in contact with her. It's very important.

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More important than meeting boy divers like? If the delectable Dr. Clark reads this, why not give an aspiring marine scientist a personal boost in morale to help her make it through all those years of cramming and finals ahead of her.



Hi, uncle relhok! I've been meeting you out on the reefs, every month, for a year now—and I dig your wonderful column. The enclosed pictures were taken on Twin Island (Bronx, N.Y.). The day was a bit on the cool side (34). Jean's photo shows her huddled in her heavy woolen coat which she has on over her dry suit. She went down to the water to get some seaweed for our masks and she returned with the seaweed and two very, very cold hands! I couldn't get her near the water after that! She stayed so close to our small bonfire, you'd have thought she was part of it. She only moved away from the fire long enough to shoot my photo as I came out of the water, carrying my float and diver's flag. Our club has joined the Safety Program by making up cards—showing the diver's flag and its meaning—and mailing them out to various groups. We'll be looking for you in the "floating woodpile" and hoping the weather gets a little warmer.

JEAN & RUDY IRVIN 965 Tinton Avenue Bronx 56, N.Y.

Man, lookit that cool, calm diver casually stalking out athat cool, cool water. Jean's a really cute chick, eh? Given a choice between 34-degree water and a fire—I'd have been helping Jean make the coffee I think.

For what it may be worth to the guys and gals who cannot seem to agree on the Taking Wives Along question, I'd like to report that I saw this sign hanging over the transome of a boat. It read: Help Support Your Local Court of Domestic Relations. Pretty apt, huh?

HUGH BONNER San Francisco, Calif.

Yeh, but not quite as apt as the one I saw, recently, dangling from a runtmobile in Balboa which said: HELP STAMP OUT EQUALITY BETWEEN THE SEXES.

I've been reading your column for many months now and want to tell you Driftwood is one of the best parts of the DIVER. From June on, of this year, I'll be living in the Chicago area and would like to know if there are any diving clubs there that will accept 17-year old members. I have my own equipment. I am also interested in corresponding with any female divers in the Chicago area. I sure would like to find diving company. You are the first person who writes a column that has ever given us teenagers half a break.

DAN DANAHY Campion H.S. Prairie du Chien, Wis.

Yes and the adult world has excommunicated me for doing so, too.

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For months now, my husband and I have been chuckling over all the pros and cons spilling into Driftwood concerning wives flippering along with their better-halves on their excursions into the



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blue down under. We finally decided that, perhaps, this picture tells more than words possibly could just how we two Ducks, from the Buckeye State, feel about the subject. Our first date (some 6-years ago) was spent of sport—for this area—and we have been breaking the water together nearly every weekend since. You'll have to think up some better excuses for keeping this a 'hands off' sport for wives if you want to convince us. Besides . . . can you think of a better way to melt the ice for winter div-

HERB & SALLY HICKMAN 696 Porter Street, N.E. Warren, Ohio

Frankly, no, I cannot. However, I think you err to call it a "hands off" sport in view of the fetching pose.

Kohler, I've reached the conclusion (after tolerating your page for almost two years) that you are (1) girl-crazy, (2) in love with your own opinions and (3) hardly the sort of writer who should be read by innocent, clean-minded young Americans or Europeans who buy SKIN DIVER primarily because they are interested in a wholesome sport perfectly designed for decent people with high ideals. Your tainted corner is certainly no credit to skin diving. Why can't you write a harmless, constructive page that would inspire and educate young divers? Why not attempt to offer a more positive viewpoint on things instead of all the time presenting the negativisms and tawdry aspects of humanity?

> HAROLD DESMOND Los Angeles, Calif.

Probably because I'm a heartles wretch with no ideals—and you've added a jewel to your crown by attempting to untaint wicked, degenerate old me. Now blow, will ya?



I'm sending this picture of my husband, I'm sending this picture of my husband, Jim, in hopes of helping to fill your page. Jim has been diving for about two years and he sure likes it. He does most of his diving in Oneida Lake at Sylvan Beach. We enjoy the pages of Driftwood very much!

SARA & JIM JONES Box 65 Sylvan Beach, N.Y.

Handsome Dog Jones appears to also enjoy sitting in a comfortable chair, reading about diving. Thanks for letting us see how a skilled diver looks when relaxed, Sara.

Well, Kohler, after two years of reading some of that drivel



some of these so-called skin divers send you, I thought I'd add my two-cents. Your page is great and don't let any half-witted son of a waterlogged seahorse tell you differently. Say, how about sending a couple of those pics of the SD chicks out my way? Gets mighty lonely, just staring at my tank blocks all winter long. Let's get with it, Kohler—that is, if you don't have your office wall plastered with them.

DICK WEHR Beta Theta Pi Blythe Hall #39 Hanover College Hanover, Indiana

Not a chance. If I sent you some of the photos of the lovely little dolls who've appeared in Driftwood, you'd spend the entire winter staring at them instead of cramming so you can face the world, educated. I'm not going to be responsible for your ignorance. And let's not have any of you gorgeous females out there in Magazine-land, copying his above address in order to send him your pictures. Let the lad soak up his education.

I am interested in purchasing a Lung this summer, but am having a little trouble selecting one. I would appreciate hearing from some of the other fellows as to which regulators they like . . . and use. I've had comments about different makes and I'm confused. I would like very much to hear from anyone interested in helping a future Scuba Diver.

ROBERT A. SAROCCO 5449 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago 44, Illinois

I like the Aqua-Master, two-stage, myself.

I wish some diehards, like Doris Ledding, would give up trying to discourage teenagers from diving. I would like to know what better things I could buy other than diving equipment. Don't you think she would be much happier if she subscribed to Ladies Home Journal or something?

PAUL FLOTHO Alhambra, California

But if she did that, Paul, then she couldn't nag at you teenagers and all the fun would go out of her life.



Wanted: some nice, skin diving wife to write to my spouse and explain that it is very normal for a man to want to dive. En-closed, photo of myself holding the little lady in need of reassurance.

> JACK K. NEAL 1310 Perryville Place Ashtabula, Ohio

Insist that he take you along, teach you to dive, Missus Neal.

This is in answer to Mary Beth Jones' letter, March issue of Driftwood: I hate to disagree with you because that puts me in the position of agreeing with Kohler, and to be in even mild agreement with a char-

acter whose middle name ought to be Sar-casm is against all of my natural instincts toward such malad-justed individuals. However, if *Driftwood* were to be "positive-ized" how would the rest of us be provided with opportunity for venting our own inhibitions, and yet remain out of speargun range? Although I doubt Kohler knows which is the business-end of a speargun, he seems to know more about the coffee-pot and "cheese cake" on the beach than he does about the wild blue depths. He's a negativistic-psychotic to be sure, but Driftwood is much more interesting to the eye than newly milled lumber.

MARY ANN COLEMAN Kelp Klippers 1925 Willow Avenue West Sacramento, Calif.

Girls, girls-I'm not worth fighting over. Really.



Ours was the original diving club in Pittsburgh. We were divonly was the original diving club in Tusburgh. We were div-ing when everybody else said we were crazy to play around under-water. Now, everytime a club is organized, in this town, they claim to be the "original" skin diving club. How about that? Am enclosing a photo showing the officers of our club: (L to R) David L. McConaughty, Howard Reed, James Kuhn and Francis S. Bumbarger.

FRANCIS S. BUMBARGER Channel Cats 2534 Braddock Avenue Pittsburgh 18, Penn.

You look disillusioned enough to be the original outfit.

HORRIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "Before we get on to the business of the day, Member Smith wants to know who filled his tanks with a blend of air and laughing-gas. Smith, will you kindly stop giggling so we can clear up this dastardly prank?"

and, so, merry-eyed with the raptures of the shallows, gambol ashore once again. I assume you'll meet me, here behind the channel-buoy, next month. If you don't, I'll find somebody else who will. Keep diving, stay alive and write constantly. kordiallike kohler

# NORTHEAST NOTES

By B. W. LUTHER, JR.

Northeast Council of Skin Diving Clubs, P. O. Box 225, Fairhaven, Mass.



The first tournament meet of the 1958 season was held February 23rd at York Beach, Maine. Considering weather conditions, quite a group of spectators and divers were on hand. Twenty-four divers entered the Scuba division to search the clear rocky bottom for marked poker chips placed by divers from the host club, the New Hampshire Sea Skates. Water temperature was 34 degrees, water conditions were clear and calm. Weather was fine during the morning, but as the divers prepared for the briefing, a driving snow squall developed dumping three inches in three hours.

Using the buddy system, the Scuba divers searched the "seeded" area for 45 minutes, and at the conclusion of this division, the snorkel divers scoured another "treasure" area for 30 minutes. At the close of the meet, a cavalcade of ice coated divers shuffled from the "Nubbles" in to the warm hall at the York Beach Fire Station, where they de-iced and "coffeed down."

Dual trophies were awarded the winners by Northeast Council President Richard Myers and Charles Bowman, Tournament Director for the New Hampshire Sea Skates. First prize in the Scuba event went to Neal Hess and Paul Connelly of the Boston Sea Rovers. Second prize, Richard Haskins and

Cory Horne; third prize, Leonard Saarinen and Paul Davini, Jr. all members of the Worcester Frogmen.

Winner of the snorkel division was Neal Hess who earned top honors in both events. Second place was tied between Fred Calhoun, South Shore Neptunes and Robert Leger, Leominster C. D. Rescue Divers. Third prize was also tied by Ross Andrews, Maine Marine Alpine Club and Warren Bakstran of the Worcester Frogmen.

Other clubs participating in the meet were the South Shore Sea Serpents, Worcester County Spearfishermen, and the Fairhaven Whalers.

Miss Marjorie Turner, Secretary of the Maine Marine Alpine Club, was awarded a special trophy for the women's division. The only female entry, Marjorie placed fourth in the snorkel event out of a possible 13th position.

A new formed point system was placed in effect at this meet, and will continue in force yearly. Basic principle of the system is a fair method of establishing three top divers for the year.

Each participant receives 5 points for attendance. First prize winner in each event receives an additional 25 points, second and third place winners add 15 and 10 points respectfully to their score.

At the February meeting of the Atlan-



Northeast Council Tournament winners of the Snorkel and Scuba divisions receive trophies from the Council officers. Left to right are: Richard Myers, Paul Connelly, Marjorie Turner, Neal Hess and Charles Bowman. A strong contender during the tournament was a three inch snow storm.

tic Coast Marine Sportsmen's Association held at the New York Athletic Club, the Northeast Council was represented by Vice President Jack Whelan.

The Atlantic Coast Marine Sportsmen's Association is composed of "line" fishermen from South Carolina, North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Attending were delegates representing 167.000 fishermen from 47 clubs. Avowed purpose of the Association was to prevent the slaughter of Striped Bass (Rockfish) by haul seineing in the coastal waters. The Association has been active in attempting to have a Federal law passed which would make the taking of Striped Bass illegal except by hook and line. Two states now have a hook and line bill. New Jersey (where spearfishermen can take Bass) and Massachusetts (where they can not be taken by spear-

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The Association was acquainted with the aims of underwater groups and generally conceded that they had no objection to the taking of Striped Bass by spear. It was pointed out however, as in the case of Massachusetts, that the wording of the bills proposed for each of the states should permit the taking by hook, line and spear.

The Boston Sea Rovers Fourth Annual Skin Diving Clinic, held at John Hancock Hall March 3rd, was the affair of the year. Guest speaker was none other than the founder of our Scuba sport, Captain Jacques Cousteau and film hereto unseen in the New England area. Most interesting to the author was the film taken of the discovery and salvage of a 2,200 year old Greek galley sunk off Grand Congloue' Island, Mediterranean.

Skin diving is becoming quite a family affair all over the country. Maine families are no exception. The Maine Marine Alpine Club is also a family club, with most members joining as a family group. We of the Northeast area believe that this club has more female participants in the sport than any other similar group.

I believe that the Portland Press Herald expressed correctly the average conversation heard when this club gathers—"Honey, would you hold my lung a minute?" "Hey Mom, hand me my snorkel, will you?" "Just a minute, both of you—while I adjust my mask!"

The event publicized by the local newspaper was one of the family nights at the pool, February 24th. Sixty-eight attended, with forty children alone in the pool with their elders. Equipment display, trophy awards, skin diving movies and refreshments shared the program.

Richard Craven and Joseph Gallant of Portland, Maine (Maine Marine Alpine Club), ready to wade into 30 degree water during a Northeast Snow Squall off Nubble Light, York, Maine.

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## UNDER THE ICE FOR DEPTH

### BY DANIEL C. WAGNER

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I suppose that every club at one time or another has wanted to do something that would make them stand out at least for the moment from all the other clubs. It was this desire plus wanting other people to know that skin diving is more than just a warm weather sport that led our club into the planning of our Record Dive under the ice. We knew that his had to be planned in the safest manner possible because Ice Diving in itself is a dangerous sport unless the proper precautions are taken.

The club members decided that being as George Kronberger and myself had come up with the idea and also had the most experience we would be the ones to make the dive. We selected John Woods, Jerry Kucek and Bob Halcrow as stand by men to be suited up and teady to dive in case of an emergency.

They had a nylon grid line which they would use to search in a circular pattern around the hole for a distance of 250 ft. In the event that either George or I became disconnected from and lost the rope we would come directly up under the ice where we could be seen and found by these circling divers. Our next step was to set the date and check with John Tesch to see if he would help guide our Volkswagen Bus and equipment safely out to where we would dive on the ice. John, who knows Lake Geneva, top and bottom, like the back of his hand, was more than happy to help. He also along with two Safety Patrol members would make the official measurement of the line which would be the deciding factor in determining our depth. The only remaining thing was to check out our equipment to see that everything was in good working order and hope for a nice day.

It was just noon when we called John and told him we were in Fontana and were ready to go as soon as he could get down to us. Some of us had brought Thermos bottles and had them filled with coffee to bring out on the ice. We figured three to four hours before we would be back and hot coffee would go good; even though the temperature was in the 40's and it was a wonderful day for the dive.

John told us that the place to drive out on the ice was at Williams Bay. Tightly grasping the bottle of sediment from the bottom of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Dan Wagner reconstructs the depth dive for fellow club members.



The first persons we met over there were Fire Chief Hanson and two Lake Geneva Safety Patrol men. The Chief said he would have the Pulmotor stand by in case of an emergency and the Safety Patrol men were to go along and make sure that we would take the necessary precautions and to assist us if needed: we were ready now.

Four of us got in the bus and started out for the middle of the lake. The others walked, not wanting to put too much weight in the bus at least until we were sure of the ice. It took six holes and at lot of chopping on the part of Bill Kruger, Carl Ziegler and his dad Jack, before we finally found the spot we wanted. The big ice saw saved a lot of time for the ice was 18 inches thick and that's a lot of chopping even with moral support.

George and I crawled into the bus and began getting into our suits. I chose a 3/16" wet suit and George chose to wear his patched up, reglued and completely reconstructed old dry suit. We both used double tank units with two stage regulators and a constant air reserve. As soon as we finished dressing we assembled our equipment and waited for the standby divers to dress. While they were dressing the 50 lbs. of anchor connected to 250' of 3/4" line was lowered through the 6' square hole down to the bottom of Lake Geneva 140' away.

George and I were connected to the rope and to each other by means of a 1/2" safety rope as an added precaution. We slowly slipped into the cold crystal clear water of Lake Geneva. As

we descended it seemed as though we were in a huge cavern with a beautiful ceiling of ice crystals above us. At about 50' my regulator started to lose air; I signaled George and we returned to the surface so I could change regulators. As we descended for the second time we kept looking up and at 60' could still see people peering over the edge of the ice at us.

As we progressed downward we kept comparing our depth gages: 100′, 110, 120, 130, bottom; 140′ under the ice. I unscrewed the lid of the jar and handed the jar to George. We could see about 10 to 15′, and as I watched, George plunged the jar into the dark murk of the bottom.

I have often heard someone say 140' is not a long way down, and I agree; however 140' is a long way up, especially when you are under the ice. The closer to the surface we got the clearer the water became. We could soon see our ice roof with the small hole; only a couple more minutes now and it would all be over. The faces were there peering over the edge; they got closer and closer, then I pushed the bottle up showly over the edge of the ice — we made it.

The dive took us a total of 17 minutes and we both remained comfortable throughout despite the 38 degrees water temperature. We still have the sediment that we collected on the bottom and intend on keeping it. The official measurement of the rope was 140' ½" which to the best of our knowledge is a world record for a depth dive under the ice with Scuba.

## GIVE THE KIDS A CHANCE!

Give the kids a chance! Does it say someplace that diving is restricted to grown-ups? If it does, then the San Antonio Underwater Club didn't see it! Their doors are wide open to teenagers, and it was never considered they be otherwise.

When Curtis Walker undertook to organize the club, less than six months ago, a notice appeared in the newspaper. From the beginning, membership was never limited to experienced divers. Is any club run that way? To the first meeting there came the seasoned diver, the idly curious, in need of training, and those who had a little knowledge of the sport. But all had a common interest: more diving and less talk. They wanted a club that did something, and not just talked about it.

Among those who assembled for that first meeting were four youngsters. Luke and Lee Lowery, age fourteen and twelve who had some experience. Earlier in the summer, at the request of their father, Curtis had instructed both boys. First the boys had learned to use their equipment in a swimming pool. Later they proved themselves to be capable divers in open water, achieving a depth of thirty feet. John and Alex were both seventeen, with two years experience behind them.

The appearance of these young people demanded that some provision be made in the Club's policy to accommodate them. And it was done. A volunteer committee drew up a Constitution

and By-Laws which provided that all members under the age of twenty-one must have written permission from their parents to participate in the club. It further stipulated that members under eighteen be assigned an adult sponsor, known to and approved by their parents. The sponsor would take charge of a minor member, see that he got proper training, and assume responsibility for his safety on club outings. Not a whimper of an objection was ever raised on this point. Minor members brought the necessary paper from home and selected their own sponsor. The only reason any special consideration was given the matter was to protect the club, and reassure the parent that his youngster was being cared for. It never occurred to anyone that these kids didn't belong with the group. Certainly no one felt they had taken on a baby-sitting project!

In contrast, SAUC felt the need to prove itself to the parents of these eager teenagers, so they invited them to attend a meeting, inspect the program, and offer any suggestions they might have. They accepted the invitation, and liked what they saw. Not a single youngster has ever been turned away!

Bill Holloway was a typical beginner. Bill was thirteen when he came to SAUC. He read the notice in the newspaper and telephoned Curtis Walker for more information. He was anxious to learn to dive, but his Father hesitated to give his permission. He wanted

## By PEGGY MARIE WALKER

the boy to learn the right way: the sale way. Bill has come to the right place He brought his Dad along to the near meeting. With the rest of the group Bill qualified himself as an extremely good swimmer. (SAUC requires all who desire diving instruction to first prove themselves a good swimmer.) Bill went home happy that night. Having been accepted, he was eager to commence his training. His Dad was happy too, as sured that his son was in good hands.

Bill became one of SAUC's most enthusiastic members, and his family rewarded him with his own Aqua-Lung at Christmas. To date, he has passed even test, given by the training committee. In the spring Bill will receive additional training when he is introduced to open water. In the meantime, he is developing skill and technique through pool practice, under the constant supervision of his sponsor.

John and Alex, who had already learned the fundamentals of diving, got the same type of training Bill did. While SAUC is willing to believe anyone who says they know how to dive, safety demands that they prove it. These boys discovered that this training benefited them. They developed new techniques, and learned to handle extreme situations, in the safety of the pool, that could arise alarmingly in open water. Just as the beginner, they must pass the examination of the training committee.

For every foolish diver that meets with some misfortune, every sane diver is penalized. There are no headlines about the thousands of divers who spend a safe and enjoyable week end in the water. But the guy who drowns himself trying to get acquainted with his equipment makes the front page every time! As a result, all divers are crowded into the category with fire-eaters and hell-divers, and everyone else who is looking for a unique way to di. The experienced adult diver who denies the teenager instruction is cheating himself.

If we don't teach them, who will? How is the novice to learn safe diving if no one wants to take the time to teach him? Some cities have a fine program offered through the YMCA or some other athletic organization. But not all cities. And not San Antonio, for one. So it was up to the men and



SAUC Juniors Bill Holloway, Luke Lowery and Lee Lowery get their beginning Scuba instructions from experienced diver-instructor Kennard Judkins. The boys will practice breathing with the apparatus while sitting submerged in the pool. A full line of training will come later when they are acquainted with the Scuba and its functions.

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## HAWAII UNDERWATER VACATION

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nomen sincerely interested in diving to set up a good program. And SAUC thinks all serious divers should want to simulate interest in others and see to it they get the training that results in age divers.

Admittedly, there are some who would not accept any training program. They shink they are too smart to be shown anything. And we must leave them to their fate. But at least we must try, make an offer, to keep a clear conscience. Diving accidents can never be completely wiped out, but they can be brought to a minimum. And since every diving accident is a personal injury to all the safe divers, why not reconsider?

Frankly, when we opened the doors to teenagers, SAUC expected to get a few thrill-seekers. So far there have been none, but should they appear, SAUC is prepared for them. There isn't much danger of wasting a lot of time on a thrill-seeker. Either their attitude will hange, and they will become serious, afe divers, or they will soon go on their way.

Equipment manufacturers and dealers cannot be expected to solve the menage problem, if indeed it must be a problem. It is not theirs to settle. They are in business the same as anyone the. Does the department store demand proof that you can swim before they will sell you a bathing suit? Certainly not! And it will never be that way with diving equipment companies. The beginning diver must have equipment before he can learn to use it! So it is up to the clubs to train them. What does it count how old they are?

San Antonio Underwater Club is proud of its teenagers, and counts them a real asset to the club. More clubs should wake up to the fact that their future leadership lies in these kids. It is a rewarding experience to work with these young people, and any club whose membership is not geared to it, should stop and take inventory!

Tour special will depart from Los Angeles on Friday, September 5. The divers will race the sun to the Islands at an effortless 330 miles per hour, in one of Transocean Air Lines' Super H Constellation "Royal Hawaiian" airliners, fully pressurized for high altitude flight and air-conditioned for maximum comfort.

Arriving in the islands after nine and one half hours flight, they will go to the famous Hotel Kona Hukilau in Kona on the Island of Hawaii, where they will stay for five days and nights. During that time there will be every conceivable type of underwater activity, spearfishing, photography, shell collecting, exploring . . . all conducted by Tookie Evans, world famous Hawaiian underwater ace. There will also be a "luau" feast in an authentic Polynesian setting with exotic south sea foods and native Hawaiian entertainment.

Thursday morning, September 11, the tour will take the short flight to Honolulu via Hawaiian Airlines and go to the splendid Waikiki Surf Hotel near Waikiki beach for the next two days. There will be a six hour scenic tour of Honolulu, Waikiki and the Mount Tantalus area, and lunch at the famous Waioli Tearoom. Also included in the activities in Honolulu will be surfing in the waves of Waikiki Bay, riding outrig-

ger canoes, a tour of the Dole Pineapple cannery and then a special "Aloha" dinner.

The package price for the whole trip is just \$328!! Tanks, air refills, regulators, weight belts, spear guns, etc. will be available on a rental or purchase basis at reasonable rates. Transocean Air Lines has included a generous 55-pound baggage allowance for the Skin Diver Tour Special. Boats can be rented on a cooperative basis for those deep water addicts.

The slight increase in price over the amount announced in last month's magazine is due to a general increase in fare and tour prices affecting all air lines.

Think of it . . . dive and fish at selected sites on the famous Kona coast, one of the world's finest diving spots . . . enjoy the company of fellow divers and the land of sunshine, exotic Hawaii.

Everything possible has been done to make the Skin Diver Tour a most enjoyable and memorable event. The tour is limited so don't hesitate, act now. Send a \$50 per person deposit immediately, and plan on the balance Lefore August 5, for the vacation of your diving dreams to: Official National Skin Diver Tour, Transocean Air Lines, 608 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 14, California.



Club emblems and flags that didn't make the cover because of their enormous size. These clubs and organizations deserve recognition also and so, here they are. These emblems are two and three sizes larger than the ones used for the cover.

## BOSTON PLAYS HOST TO CAPT. COUSTEAU

## By George Pappole

Over a thousand diving enthusiasts were delighted recently by the visit of Captain Jacques Cousteau to Boston for the Boston Sea Rovers Fourth Annual Skin Diving Clinic. Judging by the successes of former years, this annual meeting underlines the great interest in skin diving in the Northeast and is a great tribute to the drawing power of Captain Cousteau himself.

The program of the evening was a showing of three films not previously presented to a public gathering in the United States. In the first film, "The Fountain of Vaucluse," anyone familiar with diving was immediately absorbed by the tense and dramatic nature of this expedition. Though carefully organized, this team of divers were again defeated in learning the source of this famous fountain. Although the group traversed some 800 feet of tunnel, to a vertical depth of 100 feet, they could continue no deeper to whatever source this fountain may have.

Turning to a happier expedition, Cousteau then presented some extraordinary color photography of the Red Sea area. Actually this sequence, filmed in part by Mme. Cousteau, showed very clearly some of the incidents in the making of the movie "The Silent World." Most exciting to the audience were the records of what Captain Cousteau called the porpoise world convention and their meeting with a Greek spongediving ship. One brave "hard-hat" diverwas taught the use of the lung and was evidently quite won over by this system of diving.

Before showing the final film of the evening, Captain Cousteau urged upon all those interested in diving in the United States to begin a national program, starting at the local level, to assure highly qualified instructors being available for beginners in the sport. He spoke of the experience his group has had in France, which now has become accepted in a number of European countries. This had led to an excellent underwater safety record and has made government regulation of diving unnecessary. To avoid government interference in this country Captain Cousteau suggests it would be wise for such a program to be started here.

The final film, again narrated by the Captain, showed the work surrounding



Boston Sea Rover members gather around the main table to honor their guests who are (upper left) Jim Cahill, (left seated) Mrs. Cousteau, (center seated) Capt. Cousteau, (right seated) David M. Owen, and (standing extreme right) Dr. Harold Edgerton. Photo by Ben Alexander.

the discovery and salvage of a Greek galley wrecked in the harbor of Marseilles in the Second Century B. C. Certainly of great archaeological interest, this film also had the distinction of some remarkable motion-picture color photography at a depth of 145 feet. This too was one of the first applications of direct-line television to underwater exploration, making possible close direction of the operation by the archaeological experts on board the Calypso.

Before Captain Cousteau showed this program, Dick Irvine of the Boston Sea Rovers presented the Fourth Annual Award for furthering the sport of skin diving in New England. This year the award was made to James F. Cahill, who to everyone in this area, is "Mr. Diver" and one of the pioneers of the sport.

Following the program, The Sea Rovers held a reception for Cousteau and

the other guests of the evening, including Dr. Harold Edgerton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, developer of many underwater lighting devices, and electronic equipment used by Captain Cousteau on his expeditions; James Cahill; various officials of the Boston YMCA, sponsors of the Sea Rovers, and of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and David Owen, principal diver of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. To all those present at the reception this was the highpoint of the evening providing, as it did, an opportunity to meet these notables of the sport and converse about topics of interest to all divers.

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The Sea Rovers look forward to the Fifth Clinic next year and urge groups in other areas to sponsor such gatherings in their localities for bringing diving to the attention of the public.



More than unique is this close-up shot of a Monk Seal. This youngster is one of five of this near-extinct clan on the coast of Lebanon. The picture was taken in an underwater cavern by diver-photographer Dave Parks near Beriut.

## SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BEGINNERS

- It is imperative that you be a good swimmer before you even consider entering this specialized sport.
- 2. You should be in the best of physical condition possible. Especially in regard to your "pressure areas." (Such as sinuses, ears, nose, lungs.)
- 3. When purchasing skin diving equipment, always buy from a dealer who specializes in the sale of skin diving equipment. They are better qualified to advise you on the best type of equipment to suit your needs.

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- 4. WARNING: DO NOT AT-TEMPT TO PRACTICE SKIN DIVING WITHOUT ADE-QUATE SUPERVISION. This is especially important if you have just purchased a Scuba unit.
- 5. JOIN A CLUB! This is the first thing a beginner should do if he wants to start out right. By a club, we do not mean a group of fellows who dive together and call themselves a club. We mean an organized club with intelligent and responsible leadership. This type of club almost always possesses a strong safety code that all members must abide by. It is in this type of organization that you will receive adequate supervision while training.
- If there are no skin diving clubs in your area, then instruction in the sport may usually be obtained at some Y.M.C.A.
- 7. If you turn your attention towards spearfishing, remember that there are certain laws pertaining to the taking of fish and lobster. Check with the Department of Fisheries and Game for information.
- 8. When traveling to a diving area, be courteous. Do not park on private property, or in front of driveways. Also do not cross private property without the expressed permission of the owner.
- Stay alert; act with common sense; and above all, NEVER DIVE ALONE!!! -Bay State Aqua Club, Stoneham, Mass.

Boating and skin diving are a natural combination and a few plans in advance of the trip will help to blend a perfect day. Here the Ebbtiders Club and their girls lunch on the top cabin of the charter boat Maray off Catalina. Photo by Mart Toggweiler.



## EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Connecticut Council of Diving Clubs will be hosts to the East Coast AAU Spearfishing championships this summer. The event will be staged on July 27, and will bring together top teams representing Councils in Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, plus spearfishermen from the Northeast Council (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts), and the Middle Atlantic Council.

Clubs in Connecticut which are not members of the Connecticut Council, but which want to participate in the state eliminations, must notify the Council before June 15, if they are to be considered for the eliminations.

Contact Clifford Johnson, 34 Avon Drive, East Hartford, Conn, corresponding secretary of the Connecticut Council.

#### Attention—All Clubs in the S.P.A.A.A.U. Area

The 1958 Spearfishing Competitions are only two months away. You should be getting your three-man team well organized by now. The first meet is at Salt Creek June 29, Sunday. All trophies at this meet are for individual performance. They are for first, second and third largest aggregate and first, second and third largest fish. The top fifty percent of the teams in this meet will move on to the S.P.A.A.A.U. finals July 13.

Registration for the 1958 competitive season are being taken by Chuck and Laura Sturgill, 340 Calle de Andalucia, Redondo Beach, Calif.

Remember you must compete in the eliminations June 29 to qualify for the S.P.A.A.A.U. Championships July 13.

## ALL ABOARD!! By MART TOGGWEILER

Thinking of chartering a boat for a skin diving excursion? Here are a few suggestions which may help your group make the most of such a trip:

- 1. Plan well in advance—at least 3 or 4 weeks. It takes time to make arrangements for a boat and line up a firm passenger list.
- 2. Don't overcrowd the boat. It automatically follows that jamming the maximum number of passengers aboard will result in a minimum of safety.
- 3. Set the fare high enough to insure against inadequate funds. Be practical and collect fares in advance. The number who show at the dock that chilly A.M. on the day of the trip may bear no relation to a showing of hands during the enthusiasm of a club meeting. Extra money may be refunded, offered as a jackpot for biggest fish, etc., or added to the club treasury.
- 4. Go easy on food—take simple prepared dishes. Although appetites may be high, heavy eating or drinking can be disastrous. Alcoholic drinks should be taboo—at least till the trip back.
- 5. Remember that diving from a boat is generally safer and more convenient than beach diving. Hold your gear to a minimum and keep it stowed aboard as compactly as possible. Mountains of unnecessary equipment strewn about the deck are a nuisance and a hazard.
- Never allow cocked spearguns on board—insist on loading and unloading in the water and stow in such a way that passengers will not be impaled on spear tips.

The rest is up to the boat operator. He should anchor close in over good diving areas, seek a spot sheltered from wind and weather, maintain a watch while divers are in the water and make sure everyone is aboard before moving. "26 Miles Across the Sea" can truly lead to a diving paradise.

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## WE'D DO IT AGAIN

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## By GERALD F. COMEAU

For ten consecutive days Saturday Feb. 1st, to Sunday Feb. 9th, the Bay State Aqua Club of Stoneham, Massachusetts spent many trying hours at a booth rented by their club at the 1958 New England Sportsmen's & Boat Show held in Boston.

The reason that this organization went to such a great expense and trouble was to educate the general public in the safety and enjoyment of the sport of skin diving when done properly. During the course of this report, the author shall refer to the New England Sportsmen's & Boat Show as simply "the Show."

It was in the Spring of 1957 that the author brought up the subject of the Sportsmen's Show as an ideal place for a display in order to reach a far greater portion of the general public than we could ever reach in our theater displays.

This proposal was accepted somewhat reluctantly by the board and the author was informed to contact the Show officials for all information pertinent to the rental of a booth at the Show. At the following monthly meeting of the club, this informatiton was presented to the general body for their consideration. A suggestion was made and accepted that we sell "chance books" to raise the necessary funds. This proved to be a huge financial success.

Now all we needed was an attraction to draw a crowd. We contacted Brad Luther, president of the Fairhaven Whalers, and asked for the loan of his club's steel diving tank for diving demonstrations. He agreed to loan us said tank.

The next step was to determine what policies we would follow in regards to the running of our booth. We realized the terrific crowd potential expected, and knew that this was our big chance to really "push" the sport of skin diving.

First, we decided to keep our booth "pure" from commercialism. We felt that as a sporting club, we should not associate our name or purpose with

any particular product or firm.

Second, we realized that this was a wonderful opportunity to launch our "Divers Flag" campaign, since there would be a considerable number of boat owners attending. Therefore we designed a handsome leaflet with the "Divers Flag" in red and white and then we submitted it to our printer. Thanks to the boat dealers at the Show, this flag received wide publicity.

Third, we decided to put our nonprofit "Skin Diver's Training Program" circulars on display.

At first we were a little hesitant about doing this since this program was originally conducted during the summer months. But we finally found a Y.M.C.A. that would allow us the use of their pool during the winter months at a very small nominal fee.

We also decided to distribute our non-profit Body Recovery Program applications to interested divers who stopped to visit. Of all the divers who read this program, only one voiced an objection. This parasite stated that he did not agree with "free" body recovery since police and firemen are paid for their efforts along these lines.

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Besides establishing a set policy of operation and standards, we also made other plans for the Show. The author contacted "Skin Diver" Magazine, and requested outdated magazines for free distribution during the run of the Show. (We have always advocated the "Skin Diver" magazine for anyone interested in keeping up with the latest advances in the sport.)

We also had on display a hatch cover, a piece of high pressure hose, a bolt from the wreck of the "Chelsea," a 3/x7' photo display of our diving activities during the previous summer, and a 17 lbs.. 34" long lobster which was caught by hand by Harold Hubby of Wilmington, Mass. Harold made the carch off the seawall at Pigeon Cove near Rockport, Mass.

While discussing the Show with Director Jack Whelan of the Northeast Council, he mentioned the fact that his twin five year old sons (who have been diving for the past three years) would love to dive in our tank at the Show. We invited them to attend, and they were terrific.

We no sooner had the tank set up a few nights before the Show, when the building engineer ordered it out because of the terrific amount of weight on the old wooden floors. This was settled satisfactorily when the Show manager purchased beams to shore up the floor under the tank.

Opening day found us still setting up the booth as we could not set up the equipment on the pegboard since it was wet with paint. If that wasn't bad enough, the electrical connection for the



Same of the working crew of the Bay State Aqua Club during a lull in the Sports Show, (1-r) Wayne Comeau, Bruce Crossman, NE Council Director Fred Calhoun and Dante Tuccero. This club has done a tremendous public relations job with their activities and the promotion of skin diving.

Bruce Crossman is shown in the tank giving a safety demonstration to the amazed audience while Dante Tuccero describes his actions.



The giant 17 pound 2 ounce lobster that was captured by hand by Harold Hubby (above). The lobster was a great crowd attraction.

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It was at this point that we discovered that the club Treasury was being hard pressed. Club President Wayne Comeau authorized Dante Tuccero to purchase a hi-fi phonograph, and have a batch of chance books printed in a hurry. The purpose being of course to help replenish the Treasury. (Dante paid for these things out of his own pocket.) The raffle tickets were selling well for two days when the Show manager politely informed us that we were operating a lottery, which is illegal in Massachusetts, and ordered us to put all the chance books away. However we found a legal loophole around this, and during the run of the Show, everything turned out pleasantly.

All in all, it was a very successful Show. We were complimented a number of times on our unselfish promotion of the sport of diving by people who never even saw a skin diver before we "hit" the Show.

One of our most important contacts from this Show was the Massachusetts Striped Bass Association. This association has invited us to give a lecture on the relationship between the skin diver and the line fisherman. The reason that this is so important to us is the fact that in the state of Massachusetts, it is illegal to spear the striped hass

Another contact we made was Mr. Ralph Colson, Physical Education Director for the Commonwealtth of Massachusetts. Mr. Colson has invited us to give a lecture at the annual convention of physical education directors of the state. Also he wants us to demonstrate the sport to the delegates present. He stated that he has always advocated skin diving training as a part of the athletic program of the state's high schools, but has always met with opposition based on the idea that it is too dangerous a sport. If diving training

was available in high schools, it would contribute immensely towards eliminating accidents in the sport by untrained beginners.

We were also invited to give a lecture on the sport to a local Cub Scout convention which will be attended by all the parents or guardians of the cubs in the pack. Mr. Cohen, assistant master, feels that it is the parents that should be educated in the sport.

A local sportsmen's club, the Intercity Rod & Gun Club, came forth with an offer to discuss the possibilities of allowing us the use of their clubhouse at their next meeting. This club felt that we were trying to do a worthy thing in promoting harmony between the sport of skin diving and their sport of line fishing. They also invited us to a meeting sometime in the near future to exhibit diving equipment, and give a short talk on the sport.

We feel, without any reservations, that we spread a million dollars worth of goodwill at this Show. We offered our services to any non-profit program, and any public service which requested them.

We were very pleased to have private citizens reciprocate our feelings by offering to us their services. For example, two different "Hard Hat" divers who owned their own businesses offered us spare cash diving for them on exploratory jobs thus saving them considerable time.

Also three different boat owners of fered to take us out any time free of charge anywhere we wanted to go within reason. Since we are setting up a very extensive and diversified "wreck searching and exploring" program for this summer, these offers were well received and appreciated.

We urge all clubs interested in this public relations program to get together and rent a booth as a unit if no one club feels that they can handle it. We

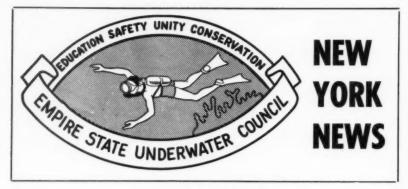


Brad Luther (Northeast Notes) interviews Bay State President Wayne Comeau for his monthly column in SD at the Sports Show.



So much interest was created at the booth that sportscaster Cal O'Brien invited Wayne Comeau to appear on his radio broadcast. shall feel honored to send to any club requesting it, a full layout on the preparations and experiences that we have had setting up our booth. It will help also to know what ground has to be covered first in a project as large as this. Write the Bay State Aqua Club at 6 Minot Street, Stoneham 80, Massachusetts.

We would like to thank the many organizations, and individuals for their assistance without which this Show could not have been a success.



## By GENE PARKER

Johnson Road, RD #4, Scotia, New York

Spring is sprung. The water riz. I wonder where the diving is?

As the coastal clubs can testify, ocean diving is already pretty good. Winter's barren bottoms are giving way to the return of fluke, flounder, whiting, hake and other ocean fish. A protective suit will be needed for a couple months yet.

Up country the ice is leaving the lakes. During the summer a few lakes and ponds become clouded with algae and weeds. Now is the time to find clear water diving in those lakes.

Also, the motor boat season has not yet really begun. About the only boats are those of fishermen putt-putting slowly along while trolling.

Spring is actually one of the better times for fresh-water diving. Fish can be observed closer to shore as they congregate in the shallows. The water is clearer and uncongested by humans.

On March 16th eight members of the Albany and Schenectady YMCA Diving clubs conducted a noble experiment. Four divers went under the ice at Sacandaga Reservoir wearing dry suits. The other four wore wet suits. All the divers were about equally comfortable. Wet type mittens were found to be warmer than waterproof rubber gloves worn over wool gloves. The wet suiters had to change in warm shelter. The dry suiters could change out on the ice. All the divers had a strong manila or prestretched nylon line attached to the wrist with a bowline knot. A few small Calico bass were observed under the roots of trees that border a now submerged road. Entire villages were covered when this man-made lake was completed 20 years ago. Next summer local divers, using old maps, are going to explore these underwater ruins.

Here's the lineup of the Empire State Underwater Council's officers for 1958: President, Roy Kieser, L. I. Dolphins; Vice President, Don Shearer, Schenectady Y Skin Diving Club; Secretary, June Kieser, L. I. Dolphins; Treasurer, Stan Shabman, Manhattan Skin Divers; Directors: Don Strong, Syracuse Aqua Kings; Paul Amodeo, Albany Skin Divers; Phil Shapkin, Manhattan Skin Divers

ATLANTIC COAST MARINE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION – this is a newly formed group whose main interest at this time is striped bass legislation. In the group are representatives from many of the East Coast States. Representatives from the Empire State Underwater council's Sportsmen's Council are working with this group to make sure striped bass legislation does not discrimintae against skin divers.

DIVERS FLAGS — NEW PRICE — 18" x 18" now \$2.00 each. 36" x 36" — \$2.50 each. Make checks or money orders payable to Empire State Underwater Council, Inc. The Power Squadron Magazine has requested information on the flag, as well as literature that could be included in their training program.

1958 SPEARFISHING MEETS—As a result of Council voting the 1958 Empire State Spearfishing Championships will be open to Council member clubs only. The Empire State Championships are the New York State eliminations for the East Coast Championships, and are run under the auspicious of the A.A.U., no club may enter directly in the East Coast Championships but must enter and place in their State eliminations, (with the exception of the defending champions.)

A motion is currently on the floor of the Council that invitations to enter the meet may be issued at the discretion of the Board of Directors. If the motion is passed then non-member clubs will be able to petition the Council for an invitation to the meet.

SAFETY – Goldstocks, a dealer in Schenectady, will give new equipment to be tested as it appears on the market. The Safety Committee of the Empire State Council will then report on their findings on the equipment. Each club is requested to submit a copy of its



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safety program and the name and address of its safety director. The committee is compiling a list of essentials for a diver's first aid kit and would appreciate suggestions from member clubs.

Please send in your announcements for July and August meets or activities now!

At this writing there is still plenty of snow on the ground. Just the same I won't be able to announce any of your clubs events until July! Half the summer will be gone. Here is why.

A magazine has to have a deadline. SKIN DIVER'S deadline has to be 40 days. I write an appeal to you for club news in March. This gets printed not in April, but in May. So you see that appeal in an early summer issue although it was written during the ice diving season. Let's say you do send in some club news. It's written up immediately and sent to SKIN DIVER. It appears in print not in June but in July.

So for halibuts' sake, if you have an event coming up in July, August, or September let me know now!

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An actual photograph of Heli-Diver Danny Dannison approaching a fallen jet pilot. Scene is about eight miles off Malibu Beach, California. Danny is a member of the Dolphins Club.

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A feature story in the January issue of SD carried several photographs of the Santa Monica Douglas Aircraft Co. Helidivers going through their practice runs and a happy quote from coordinator Bob Johnson to the effect that their services had never been required for a company job. Tuesday, March 18 saw the Helidiver squad in plenty of action.

A Supersonic F4D Skyray pilot was forced to ditch his plane in the choppy Pacific approximately eight miles off Malibu, California, while on a production test flight. His trouble started at 15,000 feet and he immediately ejected from the burning plane travelling at a high rate of speed.

The Douglas Helidiver team and surface craft were swiftly sent to the area of the crash in search of the jet pilot. After some time the pilot was spotted and Danny Danison (cover January 1958 SD) jumped from the copter and swam to the aid of the pilot. Danison then carried the injured jet-man to the lifeguard boat "Pilikia" from Santa Monica where they were pulled aboard.

The pilot suffered a fracture of both bones in his right forearm, concussion, a dislocated left shoulder, multiple bruises of the body, shock and internal injuries. After a stay in the hospital the pilot is reported to be recuperating satisfactorily, however it will be some time before he is ready for another 15,000 foot parachute jump into the water.

Skin diver Danison modestly admits that he did help some in effecting the rescue.



The pilot is pulled aboard the waiting lifeguard boat, Heli-Diver Dan assists from water.



Walt Gilliam makes a test run in a Jack Browne suit getting ready for demonstrating it in the Washington Sub-Aqua Show. Dan Dunfee of the Underseas Laboratory assists.



## WASHINGTON D.C.'s FIRST SUB-AQUA SHOW — JUNE 13-14

Navy frogmen, a water ballet, and a special movie on diving for sunken wrecks are a few of the highlights of Washington, D.C.'s first Sub Aqua Show,

The affair, scheduled for the East Potomac Pool the evenings of Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14, should greatly interest those who have any curiosity whatsoever about the underwater world. A ten-minute slide sequence will show the development of diving from 900 B.C. to the present. There will be a fashion show of cold water suits and "shark-bait" outfits and a special movie showing the two-man Mini-Sub in action.

The show is being produced by John Dudley with the cooperation of the Pioneer Skin Diving Club of Arlington, the Sub Committee of the YMCA, and the Underseas Laboratory of Washington. SIPP, another club in the area, will lend a helping hand.

Anyone interested in acquiring trophies is welcome to participate in the underwater events part of the program. Beautiful 10½-inch gold and silver trophies will be awarded to winners of such underwater events as the 20-yard race (for teenagers), the 35-yard race, the 70-yard relay, and the two-man Race for Life. Applications may be made to Mr. Dan Dunfee, Chairman of Underwater Events, 1127 Peyton Randolph Drive, Falls Church, Virginia.

Tickets at \$1.50 each went on sale at various sports stores and Government agencies in Washington March 15. The Navy frogman part of the show, however, is free to the public.

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## WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF SKIN DIVING CLUBS

By John Joachims

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Brilliantly clear Puget Sound waters, cloudless days and a heavy population of Ling Cod, Sea Bass and Octopus have made this one of the most successful skin diving seasons in many a year. The Ling Cod especially seem to be bigger, nastier and prone to perform like prodded wildcats when speared. In the winter these big Bull Lings, many 30, 40 and up to 50 pounders come into shallow water and some theorists say guard the haunts of their spawning grounds. Needless to say the fun begins when their privacy is invaded-it is then when Mr. Ling turns into as wild and woolly a game fish as you will find along the Pacific Coast.

If you want to see just how big these fighting Ling are - take a look at Gary Keffler's 53 pound 4 ounce record breaker now mounted and on display at Puget Sound Divers in Seattle. Incidentally Gary took this beauty skin diving which breaks both the Scuba and skin diving records for Ling Cod, and breaks the Mudsharks record for the largest edible fish taken.

Rhododendrons are in order for the Port Townsend Pile Divers - this increasingly active group of divers will participate in Washington's Rhododendron festival, famous for its parades, boat races and beauteous queens. Culminating the colorful festival will be the Pile Divers skin diving meet to be held May 25th. Club president Don Benzinger invited all clubs to enter: phone Port Townsend 226 or write Roy Hawkins, care of Trading Post, 625 Tyler, Port Townsend, Washington. The clear visibility and abundance of big Lings in the Port Townsend diving areas promise near perfect meet condi-

Some people like octopus, some people like sea cucumbers and some people go for fish, but Ed Thomas, Mudshark member, says you are missing the treat if you haven't eaten sea snails fresh from the shell . . . how about it, anyone for sea snails? More important than appetites are the MUDSHARK activities; like the safety Skin and Scuba diving exhibition the Mudsharks put on before a crowd at the University of Washington for the third annual "Waterama" sponsored by the Red Cross. Eye catcher of the evening was when five Mudshark divers lazed off on the bottom of the pool breathing from one

The Northwest Underwater Research Group has been working closely with the Coast Guard in recovery work. Recently when two fishermen were lost off Whidby island the Coast Guard employed a helicopter to shuttle divers and gear between Seattle and the Island. Congratulations are in order for the fine research work NURG has been doing in cooperation with the University of Washington Zoology departments -Dewain Chapman, NURG member and University of Washington Zoologist is heading up the project. While we are passing out the bouquets we wish to include Doctor Mel Butler of NURG who held his breath, popped the question, and has now taken the matrimonial plunge.

YMCA Divers and NURG divers recently made a trip to the Freeland Herring Trap on Whidby Island for a unique day of diving. After helping out the trap owner by checking his netting for holes and retrieving a few lost tools, the divers were turned loose inside the trap with spearguns. When the smoke



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Northwest diving enthusiast Bill Mertz pulls his latest catch up on the beach, a 75 pound 131/2 foot octopus.

had cleared and the spray settled, over fifty fish lay on the diving barge including 21 dog fish and 18 large true cod. Ken Dulin of the Y Divers had the greatest variety of fish, with a skate, an unusually large rockfish, a couple of dog sharks and several kinds of cod. but Merelyn Wilson stole the show with an unusual fish she captured by hand.

Despite a tremendous current and a disappointing lack of big fish the Y divers outing to Waterman Point Lighthouse proved a success. It was well attended and fine picnic lunch topped off the day's activities . . . it was well deserved Y divers, we heard your outing turned into an operation Star-fish Mop which is a job well done in any diver's book. Write when you get any information on NORTHWEST SKIN DIVING activities to: John Joachims, W.S.S.D.C. in care of KAYO, 2939 4th Avenue South, Seattle 4, Washington,



U. S. Navy uses "Self Contained Diving Gear' at the recent Chicago Sports Show, where over 350,000 people attended. Huge Navy tank was one of the main attractions for the crowd. (I-r) Dick Hammond, Chief C. M. Thomas and Emmitt Hughs. Dacor Corp. Photograph.



Puget Sound Mudsharks Mackie MacLaren and Gary Keffler show the effectiveness of diving in the Sound. Mackie's fish is a 9 pound Rock Cod while Gary sports a 53 pound Ling Cod.

## SUCCESS (LUB

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dubs could teach us.

We tried all the other approaches and settled on this one. What we discovered was simple, that factions and dicques would be the death of progress as they always are. We also found that we would probably always have as many divisions of opinion as we had members. Since divers tend to be individualists at heart, we agreed to keep it loose and confine our members to active divers only.

In order to do this, we decided to keep the "go to meeting" members to a minimum by holding our meetings on trip days at the nearest point to the

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When we introduced that innovation one of our biggest problems promptly solved itself. Namely, the endless, pointless discussions about who had the floor, and "Why wasn't a committee appointed to investigate the possibility of appointing a committee to hold a fish fry, if enough fish were caught the next week-end," ad infinitum.

If someone reading this says to himself, "But, what about those guys who wanted to look into the possibility of a fish fry?" You just lost your invitation to join the type of club I am discussing.

Another point any club might do well to ponder is the amount of interdub activities you wish to participate in, this includes politics, contests, etc.

It is natural that in any sport some form of competition will evolve. Skin diving does have contests—we are not against them. But we tend to agree with the New Jersey Council in the matter of choosing a champion, if there must be one. In our yearly contest, the member with the largest fish taken single-handed during the year wins the privilege of cleaning it.

We think each club must decide for itself about entering or holding contests. However, since we don't tend toward members who are trying to prove something to themselves, we have had little pressure to join into competition. We do have a few fellows who would not be ashamed to enter into any contest: but, since most of them have to eat what they catch, they haven't much

## WIN A TRIP TO FABULOUS LA PAZ!

See Page 13 for details of the UW Photo Contest



Joe Dorsey of Towson, Maryland, stands up after being submerged underwater for 29 hours and 1 minute. The endurance dive was made in the studios of WBAL-TV in Baltimore, Maryland and an accurate time check was made by Marine Corps officers from the local recruiting station. Dorsey is a member of the Maryland Waterbugs, Inc.

time nor money to use in trying for trophies, etc.

If your club doesn't get to the point where you think you can compete, don't worry. We once got honorable mention in a contest we didn't even attend. If we stay away from them all we figure we might eventually win one.

A final point to give some thought to is the exact purpose of your club.

We believe the major reason for forming a diving club is to dive at less expense. Simple?

Skin diving is by nature a group sport. In a club, you have group purchasing power, interchange of equipment. Also you can, as a group, buy equipment prohibitive by cost to the individual. To us, any other reason is incidental.

We believe it is fine to start a club to discuss diving or a club to review books about diving, or to have lobster roasts, beach parties, or discuss rules of order; but don't consider it a diving club just because there are a few masks, and flippers among the members.

If you want a skin diving club, then aim all your activities toward the act of skin diving and don't lose sight of it.

To achieve this, do not "choose your members; but make it difficult for any other than those most interested in actively pursuing the goals your club has set for itself. I cannot think of a better way to do that than by confining club activities to one purpose.

For example, if you want a club of members who free dive to 60°, you

aren't going to get many members. But, among those you do have there won't be any arguments that the water is too deep for some and not deep enough for others.

Don't limit the number of your members. Remember, your idea is to make it easier and less expensive on yourself. New members are where your future leadership will come from. Leaders are the ones who do the work of seeing that things go smoothly.

Set your goal and stick to it. If you fail, you will have failed honestly and won't leave a trail of bitter ex-members behind you.

There it is as we have done it!

Set your goal and stick to it. Make it difficult to get members who are not interested in those goals. And, go all out for members who are.

Be careful not to broaden your scope of activity to include too many interests on a club basis.

Charge fair but sufficient dues.

Plow your dues back into making the sport less expensive and safer for your members. You will never have an argument about what is happening to the money if the results ride out on the boat with you.

Keep rules, constitutions, by-laws, etc., to a minimum.

And, most important, take good care of the "guy with the boat." Be fair -or more than fair with him. Try it!

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Scripps they speak of the years it will take to catch up with not just one country, but France, Italy, Norway and who knows what other small country has gone ahead of the United States in underwater exploration.

In terms of rivalry between outer space and the underwater world, the inquisitive mind asks: will skin divers eventually reach all levels of the ocean's depths, even to the point of prowling the great abyss? This question can be answered by showing just how far the French have gone ahead of other nations in their pioneering of the deep. Their real, live "submarine Buck Rogers," Capt. Jacques Cousteau, has not sat back to bask in the glory of his invention of the Aqua-Lung, but has gone ahead with a device he calls "The Saucer" because of its shape. It gives two divers forty percent of the freedom vielded by the Aqua-Lung, but best of all, it can penetrate a depth of 1500

Cousteau, the human dynamo, will not stop here. Already he has ideas of diving to the floor of the Pacific where the earth's crust has a thin area of only eighteen miles through. Then with the use of atomic power, he dreams of blasting a hole through to the hot, molten lava that forms the earth's core, thereby releasing secrets searched for by man since Adam.

Is this where the moon originated, as many scientists contend? What sort of unlimited power could be harnessed here? Probing the heart of the earth. itself, would produce startling competition for any knowledge shaved from the face of the moon. At this point, however, I hasten to add that most divers and noted scientists at Scripps are apprehensive regarding the wisdom of such atomic testing in the ocean, since the degree of contamination is not definitely known.

Understandably, our oceanographers are unhappy at the fact that this country lags far behind, not one but three or more small countries, in the field of science they love the most. The fault lies in the lack of organized backing of any particular group here, such as these other countries have. Moreover, it is evident that this is not due to any lethargy on the part of the American amateur diver who packs Scripps' lecture halls in response to advertised speakers who are concerned with subjects of interest to the skin diver. The underwater enthusiasts arrive in such numbers that the institution is often forced to repeat its lectures to a second audience filled with those thirsting for further knowledge of their hobby. It is this writer's opinion that if America ever does forge ahead in the



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submarine world, it will be because of the pressure brought on by the amateur diver who still looks upon his mistress, the ocean, as a living, breathing doll, glamorous beyond description. Scripps must realize the importance of these amateur divers as it has pushed its own diving program-under the competent supervision of Conrad Limbaugh-beyond that of any other institution in the world. As North admits, he leans on the amateur to a great extent for information he couldn't otherwise obtain. He agreed when I stated that the aqua enthusiast of today is promoting oceanography as did the "ham" operator in the field of electronics.

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The owners of Underwater Sports, Inc. recently honored by the Navy with a "Certificate of Appreciation." Above Chief Petty Officer B. L. McNamara presents the Certificate to divers Will Jacobs and Rocky Bartone as Torpedoman Wallace Krupenevich looks on. Wording of the Certificate is as follows: "In recognition of outstanding service to the United States Navy Recruiting Service this Certifiale of Appreciation is hereby awarded to Underwater Sports, Incorporated, 1751 Park Street, Hartford, Conn. Through your publicspirited cooperation with the Navy Recruiting Service, you have contributed immeasurably in furthering the excellent relations between the United States Navy and the people of your community."

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# NEW ENGLAND DIVERS PRODUCE T.V. SHOW

By IRV LANDE

New England Divers were given a tremendous opportunity to advance the cause of skin diving in New England, when the Boston YMCA assigned them the job of producing a half hour television show on WHDH-TV. The program, "Dateline Boston," is a sort of roving study of the Boston community on which one program each month is devoted to various phases of the YMCA's many features and training tourses. For their Feb. 18th program, the Y asked New England Divers to tell the story of the diving courses that NE Divers' instructors have been teaching for nearly five years.

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The show was a combination of live panel and equipment demonstrations with selected film clips, some of them shot especially for the program, I opened with a two minute film show ing some of the many kinds of activity to be found underwater, while the M.C. explained that skin diving is not just one sport-it's many: hunting, fishing photography, treasure hunting, nature study, etc. The M.C. then introduced the panel-Jim Cahill, former Navy Frogman, father of skin diving in New England, founder of N. E. Divers and the Y training program; Frank Sanger, N. E. Divers famous current president -an expert diver with one arm and one leg; and Iry Lande, an advertising man member of N. E. Divers, who wrote and produced the show.

There followed a discussion of basic equipment, modelled and demonstrated by Jeanne Daines and Marion Hayes, lovely mermaids who swim on weekends with N.E. Divers. Then came more film, taken especially for the program, showing actual lessons at the Y: then a panel discussion of the basic aspects of diving, followed by more film on the fun to be found in New England waters.

The final segment of panel discussion covered the practical aspects of diving —cost, safety, winter diving, women in diving, growth of diving in New England, etc., and closed by pounding home again the theme of the program: "If you want to get into diving, take lessons."

Comments on the program were all favorable. WHDH-TV said it was the best "Dateline Boston" show they'd had. Two members of the TV station's production crew signed up for lessons right after the show ended, and the YMCA received many requests for more information on the diving courses.

Indispensable help in filming and film-editing was provided by Don Withee of Northeast Cine Divers, Lynn, Mass.

N. E. Divers recommend TV to any groups who are interested in building skin diving in their area, and who are willing to put out the effort to prepare a good show. Most TV stations are interested in diving programs, and willing to put them on if they are well prepared.





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### SPEARFISHING AND SAFETY By Ed Corvesse

With another spearfishing season almost upon us, it would be to our mutual advantage for each member to review and practice these suggestions for safer spearfishing.

BUDDY SYSTEM—First and foremost, never dive alone. No one expects you to hold hands with your buddy while diving, but an occasional check every so often is good practice. It is a great comfort to know that there is someone in the immediate area capable of lending a helping hand, if it were needed. Besides it is very dull and boring, during a swimming break, not to swap poker-faced lies about that monster you just missed.

SPEAR GUNS—Spear guns, whether they be rubber, gas or spring powered, have one thing in common. They have no brains! Once the trigger is pulled, the gun will fire its spear, hell bent for Lexington, no matter what it is pointed at. Fish—rock—steel plate or homo sapiens; it makes no difference at all. Sometimes, brains are found in the diver behind the gun. These are an asset to that diver. They help him to identify what the heck he's got his gun pointed at before he fires. Be especially careful in murky water; that black, ugly, double tailed fuzzwart could just be your buddy lining you up in his sights.

The safety lever on most spearguns is not an ornament—USE IT—not once, but on every dive. It is not impossible to put a spear through your own flipper with an unlocked spear gun. One more thing—never enter or leave the water with a loaded gun. Load the gun in the water and unload it before leaving the water.

before leaving the water.

FLOATS—For the most part our club members use either a rubber innertube (not the midget car size) or the long double chambered float. A burlap bag fastened to the float makes an excellent fish carrier, and the float itself doubles in brass as an emergency self-rescue unit.

You will undoubtedly witness, as the season progresses, spearfishermen (?) going around with fish stringers on their belts in lieu of a float. A skin diver should be as unencumbered as possible, and dragging a mess of dead fish wherever he goes, against a current, through a patch of seaweed or in rock crevices, certainly doesn't add to his chances for survival.

BOAT OVERIOADING—Here we go. Sore subject #1026-4J. How many is enough? Sure a 14 foot tub can hold as many as 8 or 9 clowns, but it is convenient to have some freeboard just in case the water gets a tiny bit choppy. Considering the load each diver takes along, add to that the amount of fish caught, leave room for wind and water conditions, and we arrive at a good rule of thumb for a 14-16 foot outboard (subject to variations of course). 2 divers—ideal; 3 divers—most practical; 4 divers—no elbow room, misery for everybody; 5 divers—chaos. Boat swamping can be serious. Sure you can swim like a fish, but what about your gear? Since none of us are millionaires, diving equipment is hard to come by, and by jingo, if you lose yours, you certainly can't borrow mine.

CONCLUSION—Being only human, we tend to become casual with the familiar. So it is with skin diving. Sometimes we have to be reminded that we are not in our true element. We may leave our element and enter for a glimpse underwater, only by adapting ourselves briefly to alien conditions. It is then apparent that carelessness under unnatural conditions can be extremely dan-

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By GARTH MEYER

To open the 1958 open water diving season, the YMCA Cuadro Pescadores will hold their Second Annual Spearfishing Contest, June 1 at Lake Copneconic. All divers and diving clubs in the Great Lakes Region are invited to attend. Lake Copneconic is located 7 miles south of Flint, Michigan on Fenton Road.

Trophies will be awarded on the following basis. Each team member will be awarded points on their individual average weight. The total of points for each team will determine the winning teams. Additional points will be awarded for the different species of fish -Gar pike 3 points each; Dog fish 2 points each; Suckers 1 point; Carp 1/9

Prizes will be awarded to individuals bringing in the three largest fish by length. Prizes will also be awarded on a target area depending on the area in which the fish is speared.

The contest will start at 11:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

Each team shall consist of three spearfishermen. No Scuba equipment will be allowed in the contest and only rubber powered hand spears may be used.

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The registration fee for the contest will be \$1.50 per diver plus 75c which is the Y.M.C.A. Boys' Camp fee.

The only kind of fish which can be speared under present Michigan laws are Dog Fish, Gar pike, sucker and

At 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon of the day of the contest, a banquet will be held at the Boys' Camp Lodge. The guests of honor will be the State Senator and State Representative who were instrumental in passing the recent Spearfishing Bill through the Michigan State Legislature. The banquet fee is \$2 per person which includes eligibility for a door prize drawing. At this time we have several hundred dollars worth of trophies and prizes, and as the contest date draws nearer the list of prizes is constantly growing.

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By CHUCK FREMDLING

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gaged in different fields at one time, Jim being with his dad in the retail liquor and sporting goods and Richard with his dairy and automotive parts business in Lompoc.

Chuck Fremdling Diving together and becoming good friends, they decided to renture into business together. And this business was underwater diving. When you visit Santa Barbara be sure to stop at their Sportsman's Headquarters, 634 State St., Santa Barbara. Excellent scuba instruction, complete diving gear and certified air.

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While we are talking about going to San Diego don't forget San Diego Divers Supply at 4042 Midway Dr. in San Diego. Manufacturing wet suits is their specialty. Complete diving gear and air station, stop in and have a chat with Bill Hardy and Bill Johnson, the owners.

Tex's Sporting Goods, 910 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, has a complete stock in underwater diving gear and an expert in regulator repair. Stop in and see the whopper of an air compressor they have for your air supply. Have any problems, you have only to ask them.

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ZIV TV Productions, and is offering competitively-priced swimming equipment based on the title, "Sea Hunt."

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The syndicated show has already been sold in every major market in the country, currently appearing on over 180 TV stations.

"Sea Hunt" has already built top ratings everywhere and is expected to hit its peak in summer, the key months in the sale of swimming accessories.

Sponsors of the series include many of the nation's most respected firms arrangement with the show's producer such as Standard Oil, Phillips Petro leum, Safeway Stores, Peoples Gas. Edsel Dealers and Bowman Bisquit, and many

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These ad-wise, aggressive sponsors have the resources for a complete and effective publicity and promotion campaign, thereby guaranteeing a maximum of viewers. Since the show deal with undersea adventure, the sport of skin diving is promoted and publicized well.

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We shall all be out from under the e shortly, and divers suppliers are prearing their stock of diving gear, and stalling compressors. In Westchester he activity is particularly noticeable, as gany excellent sports stores have beome enthused about our sport through the wonderful movie "The Silent World.

The greatest contribution to the nowth of underwater enjoyment is beng made by the many dealers who have made the rather sizeable step of buying compressor. It takes faith to make his investment, and I believe every liver appreciates the assistance thus offered. Not long ago only the more brtunate of us could find a source of reathing air conveniently, whereas in the coming summer of 1958 high presare air will be found in most of our estern cities, sometimes in several cations in one town.

The County Seat, White Plains, N. Y., will have compressors in the establishments of Westchester Sporting Goods, ist to take the step, Clarke & Finney, nd Joe Friedman's Sporting Goods,

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hile in New Rochelle, N.Y., we have ad a compressor for a year now in Allen Sporting Goods.

Means: Caution, Diver Down.

Two forward looking divers, and Sky Divers by the way, have formed a company in Jamestown, N.Y., and are ligently promoting underwater activiies in the eighteen mile long Chatau-Lake. They are Frank Falejczyk nd Bob Burns of Research Products. They are making sure all dealers in heir area become familiar with both living techniques and equipment by means of two Volkswagen busses in which they have installed the U.S. Divs display unit. Demonstration dives

can be arranged wherever requested, providing water is available. If no water is handy, a Sky Dive may be substituted. For those of you who want to contact these men, Jamestown 8376 is the number, and Frank pronounces his name, Falechick.

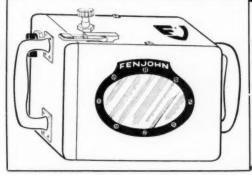
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Many S. D. readers send letters seek ing information pertaining to marine science or its allied fields. Today, with the invention of the Scuba, the earth last frontier is being penetrated. On every trip below, the diver see animak plants and other marine phenomenon Many divers collect shells, coral and other submarine specimens. However, other divers would collect the sea's specimens if they know how. Diverand science interested S. D. readers have many questions to ask about the fields of marine science. The questions can pertain to: biology, zoology, botany, ichthyology, oceanography, invertebrate zoology, marine mammology, conchelogy, corals, seaweeds, algaes, marine photomicrography, sponges and overall marine science.

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The SCIENCE FOR DIVERS column is for all divers—to assist them in any and every way possible. You are sincerely urged to make use of this science service.

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## FEET FIRST FROM THE BOTTOM UP

By G. P. KIRKPATRICK

Sixteen fathoms—96 feet below the surface of the quarry he was in trouble, his feet above him and his dry suit too inflated at the feet to permit him to bring them down!

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God, one becomes so tired!

The swim down had been done so leisurely, but now his buddy had disappeared and he felt far too buoyant!

Stop kicking his feet and he immediately soared surfaceward much too rapidly.

Kicking frantically he reached the bottom of the abyss again, so tired. Swimming, fighting for the bottom and yearning for the top and fresh, clear, abundant, unrestricted air.

Grasping a large limestone rock he stopped swimming, only to find himself again soaring rapidly towards the surface at an ever accelerated rate with the rock a far too inadequate ballast or required anchor.

Swimming or rather kicking again the bottom approached. Bring one foot down at a time, the instructions were for such emergencies. Fine – but so much air had fed into the suit from the exhaust that it was impossible. The feet or foot would not come down.

Fortunately he stopped for a moment, gathered his wits again and found that the quarry's wall sloped upwards very gently. Swimming slowly and always in a downward direction he could follow the upward slope of the bottom or wall, as long as he held the rock.

Ninety-six feet—ninety-six miles. How far did he swim?

As the depth decreased, his troubles increased. The suit tended to pull him upward more and more rapidly as its volume increased and his swimming or kicking power decreased.

Finally he broke surface, feet first, from the bottom up. Tearing off his mask, he felt his nose. Blood? No. Boy that was a close one; another minute of that and he would have drawn his knife and slit the legs of the borrowed suit.

Moral: don't dive with borrowed equipment, you might think too much of it—down deep!





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By Ian Folkers The club dives regularly locally and have moved abroad on occasion to visit other clubs. We dive in both fresh and salt water. Living on Vancouver Island gives us a great variety in diving spots and conditions.

We take our name from the octopus which frequent these waters. We have, on occasion, captured and beached some of these interesting objects. In fresh water we have observed salmon moving upstream and have seen fresh-water flounder.

We were organized to teach and practice safety in the water. We have had visits from diving doctors who lectured to the club on diseases and cures, etc.

Anyone coming to the Island would be welcome to dive with the club and may do so by contacting either John Bateman, President, at 864-L-4, or Ian Folkers, Secretary-Treasurer, at 224-R.

#### Hayward, California **AQUA TUTUS**

By James T. Lowe

We have an auxiliary membership for non diving associates such as families; our age limits are approximately from 12 to 105 years (with special exceptions) and we are 'coeducational".

Generally, our diving spots are continuous from Fort Bragg to San Simon, twice a month, all weather, all year.

Several of our members were instructors in the Hayward School of Skin Diving during the past two years and some are currently engaged in instruction at the San Leandro City Recreation Skin Diving Class
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#### HAMILTON TIGER SHARKS

By Walter Orchard

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the figer Sharks welcome two new members, safery Tozer and John Treskin. John is a fiver of some years experience and has dived almost every part of Eastern Canada. Reguly we lost two members to the sunny dimate of California.

Two weeks ago the Sharks, their wives and friends had a Swim Party at Prudsammes Garden Centre, Vineland, Ontario. The bright of the worderful time swimming, swiing and last but not least eating. Our good in command Bob (Puddles) Fogarty fissed the do as he was in the hospital. They all us that he is not all here now.

Shortly after our last report the Sharks are privileged to have Howard Livsey, of the Submariners, give a Safety Talk. Howners talk was well given and was greatly appreciated. Our Club Room is now competed and all our members think it is the goverbial 'most'.

Other Clubs with whom we have been orresponding seem very interested in our notto. It is S.C.U.B.A.—Safety—Conserva-ion—Underwater Exploration—Brotherhood—Adventure.

Great Falls, Montana . . .

#### "Y" DIVERS OF GREAT FALLS

By Don Arnest

A new club has been formed in Great falls, Montana, and after three business neetings the name, constitution, and by-laws were planned and approved. Utilizing the YM.C.A. pool for training and their conference room for our meetings, (Wed. of each month), it was decided to use part of their symbol, so the Club's name came to be "Y" Divers of Great Falls, Montana. We are hoping the Y.M.C.A. will sponsor us eventually. We have 23 members now assigned and participating in training as of 26 Feb.

The life saving phase of our training has been completed and we are now in the equipment knowledge and repair phase. If things work out we hope to complete everything induding Scuba by May.

Our Club address will be c/o Fieden's Marina, Great Falls, Mont.

Los Angeles, California . . .

#### SEA BEARS

By Jay Riffe

Our club has changed it's name! We were formerly known as the Sea Cubs, '54 Junior Champions. Now that we are no longer in the Juniors and are well along in the men's competitions, we figured an older name would be more appropriate. The idea came up of the statement of the stat

During Christmas vacation our club members have taken trips to Mexico and off thore islands. The prize trips being to Guaymas and Cedros Island. On the weekends our club is most active in Laguna and San Diego areas.

Lobster season is over, the club is now concentrating on our competitive team. We are training by having friendly meets. The meets are based on the competitive skin diving rules. We used the fifteen inch size limit. Both clubs thought this was of no great hind-tence. If any clubs are interested in having a competitive meet contact Jay Riffe at Axminster 1-8714.

N.A.S., Los Alamitos, Calif. . . . SEA COMBERS

By Larry Hooberry On Friday, March 14, the Los Alamitos Sea Combers diving club was reformed with Bob Manicki promoting and assisting the club in setting up initial organization until the new group was fully established. The charter membership is now set at fourteen with the following presiding as temporary officers. Bob Nelson, Tom Cheattle, Doug Innocenti, and Larry Hooberry. The established rules will govern the club and the original insignia will still be used. All of our membership so far consists of Navy personnel. We are already planning several trips to the beach and an all out trip to Senta Catalina island next month. In the past the Los Alamitos Sea Combers was a very active organization and it was re-established after only two preliminary meetings. Any one with interest in the club can write to any of the officers c/o Naval Air Station Los Alamitos, Long Beach, California.

Arlington, Virginia . . .
PIONEER SKIN DIVING CLUB

The Pioneer Skin Diving Club will give its spring diving course from May 3rd to May 24th at Francis Swimming Pool, 25th & N St., N.W., Washington, D.C. The course is open to all persons interested in diving, and is conducted on a non-profit basis. The total cost to each student is \$5.00 and those persons completing the course will be given certificates, and invited to join our club. Persons interested may contact C. K. Sherrill, at Overlook 3-2749.

We have designed a small card showing the new Divers Flag, our club has distributed many of these to boat dealers, sporting goods stores, and we are presently making large 8 X 10 copies for posting in the local boat shows.

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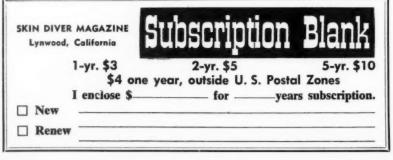
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## VANCOUVER SUB AQUATIC CLUB By Brian McKenzk

Since last report diving has picked up in Vancouver. The Sub Aquatics once again have the privilege of Empire Pool once a week for training, a great help to most of our divers.

Four members of the Sub Aquatics—Denny Thulin, Ian McKenzie, Lido Piticco and An Forester have successfully rebuilt a large I.R. Compressor after many hours of hard work and are now supplying divers with plenty of air. Gino Gemma is working on a paddle board. We hope to have others built. Don Berg's new 38 foot boat will give us some good trips in the future.

The Sub Aquatics thank the Scatile Mudsharks for inviting us to their derby at Edmonds. We sure had a great day's diving.

Seattle, Washington . . .

#### Y DIVERS CLUB

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With summer coming up and diving activity in the Puget Sound area growing, the Y Disers Club invite all interested parties, male or female, neophyte or old pro, to visit one of our meetings and investigate membership.

We don't class our divers as A, B, or C men and we don't give merit badges for 300 foot dives or points for holding one's breath, but we sure have lots of fun. All we ask is that you're willing to dive safely.

We have wreck dives, we hold spearfish

We have wreck dives, we hold spearfishing meets, we collect specimens for local scientists, and we try to spread the gospel of safe diving.

We hold our monthly meetings in the Gradale Room of the Central YMCA, on the second Tuesday of each month. Drop in and get acquainted or call our president, John Miller, at PA 3-3548 for information

## Miami, Florida . . . MIAMI MAKOS

By A. O. Huhr

With the return of Florida's nice weather, the months ahead promise to be full of activities for our club. There is a full program of monthly pool instructions and film istruction for new members, some who were contacted at the Boat Show last month.

We now have five new boats owned by club members for trips to the recfs, two new spearfishing contests have been arranged and we have a new place to meet, at the air-conditioned Coliseum in Coral Gables.

Our club has joined the new S.E. Fla. Council of Skin Divers and have accepted the Divers Flag for our club use. We recently had the pleasure of entertaining skin divers Frank and Pat Steffey of Flint, Michigan at two of our outings. Although the weather was bad, they did spear some fish.

If any of you get down our way, look is up, Box 4252, Miami 42, Florida.

## Baltimore, Maryland . . . MARYLAND SEA HORSES

We have started a club in the interest of skin diving. It is for boys and girls from the ages of 13 to 17. We are in need of more members as we have only a few. The only requirements are: an interest in diving and knowledge of the diseases connected with diving.

The club is located in Towson and its surrounding areas. We would appreciate any persons who are interested in diving to call or write to the below address.

or write to the below address.

We have been diving at Beaver Dam
Quarry, but this year we intend to dive in
the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

The club is being sponsored by Carl D Julio of Continental Skin Divers Ltd., 2 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 4, Maryland.

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#### UNDERSEA RESEARCH GROUP

By Walter C. Deas

A new skin diving club has been formed here in Dundee and we intend making it the most active club in the country. The aims of this club are to further underwater exploration, science and sport and also to promote a wider knowledge of the safe use of all types of underwater equipment. The main interests at present are underwater photography and archeology in that order. At present we have six experienced divers, most have been diving for over six years, fully equipped with lungs, suits and cameras.

We intend having a very active season of diving which will include searching for a Spanish galleon, diving on the "S.S. Breda," a 7,000 ton Dutch vessel sunk in 90 feet in our west coast waters. One member shall be diving at Dalinuro, Italy and, two others hope to be diving in the South of England.

If any skin divers are planning a vacation in Scotland, we will be only too pleased to help in any way.

#### San Gabriel Valley, California . . . LUCKY DIVERS, INC.

By Duran Mattson

The Lucky Divers have now been incorporated and functioning as an extremely active club for one year. This group is principally composed of San Gabriel Valley divers who dive continuously and all year round at Catalina Island. This group bought its own 38 foot boat complete with cabin, bunks, galley, and radio equipment exactly one year ago. During that time and the ten members have completed payments on the boat and find that from here on out their diving trips

will be quite inexpensive.

Trips are made every Sunday that weather permits to Catalina. Girl friends and wives usually accompany the group except for those days in the summer when an "all male" outing is declared. Each members has learned how to operate the boat so that what usually develops is that the wideawake boys take the helm while the others hit the sack both on the way over and on the way back.

There are two memberships available as a result of sickness and a business transfer. Only divers who have completed the Los Angeles County Scuba course or its equivalent will be considered. Write or phone Duran Mattson, Apt 12, 819 W. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, California. Hillcrest 6-3078.

Stoneham, Massachusetts . . .

### BAY STATE AQUA CLUB

By Gerald F. Comean

The following are a few facts on the success of this club's display booth at the 1958 Sportsmen's Show held in Boston during February.

We signed up over 90 individuals for our training program. This does not count those applicants who forgot to sign the roster.

We had such a large number of requests from young ladies to join our club, that the Board of Directors have to set up a fe-male section. This has always in the past been a touchy subject at meetings, but we never had such a great number apply before.

Now we have to do something about it.

We received an invitation to join the Fairhaven Whalers on another "wreck exploring"
trip. This time it is the "Port Hunter" which went down off Martha's Vineyard opposite Falmouth, Mass.

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#### MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida . . . REEF ROVERS

Spring training for the Reef Rovers' skin diving club got an early start this year. A group of prospective members underwent the endurance tests necessary for club entry in a fresh water lake.

In addition to the water checks and preliminary training in water rescue and artificial respiration, personnel on the training committee and members at large held an "outing" for their families.

Other items of business and information included a review of a proposed revised club constitution, arrangements for training facilities on base, access of limited procurement of items from the salvage section, election of officers in April, absentees during meetings, and a renewed membership drive.

MacDill's diving club was organized last July for benefit of all base personnel and dependents. Since organization, the club has built to eight senior divers checked out in Scuba, over 20 junior divers ready for deep salt water tank-check, and over 50 still in preliminary training.

A greater membership is hoped for with evidence of warmer weather and water.

#### Chicago, Illinois . . .

#### DEPTH CHARGERS By Jim Paglin

Our club is new and we are just getting started with our regular meetings. eight members so far and are looking for more, we are planning to get an air compressor soon and it won't be long before we will be going under. The club so far has not elected officers and we don't know when we will. We had some club cards printed for underwater salvage and construction, we have done this kind of work before so it is nothing new to use. We also are going to volunteer our services to the local police department. Besides the work we still go in mostly for the sport, which is underwater photography and spearing Carp in different lakes. We didn't do any diving during the winter except in a swimming pool. This last winter we went to Steinmetz High School and tried out some new equipment. Special thanks are given to Mr. Fred Vesel and Mr. Ed Westergreen for the permission to use the pool. The club meetings are every Monday at 7:30 P.M. any guests are welcome to attend. All correspondence should be sent to Jim Paglin, 4232 N. Octavia, Norridge 34,

#### Hartford, Connecticut . . .

#### THE CONNECTICUT SEA DEVILS By 'Sunny' Santo

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The Sea Devils, following Navy recom mendations, became the first skin diving club to have all its members X-rayed. The seven teen man group had their chests 'photographed' by Dr. Heublein, who pronounced them fit for Scuba diving. This routine will be followed every six months, and the be will be picked up by the club's treasury.

The group has completed most of th Connecticut Council's tests and is awaiting a break in the weather to finish the deepe diving. New members to the Sea Devils wi be required to complete the test before submitting an application. The club is limite males over the age of 21. We have been hesitant about filling the men bership, but have decided to open the doors o eigh more qualified divers. Connecticut resident

Any clubs wishing to arrange spe rfishing meets for the coming season are a ked to contact Paul Boy, 11 Grandview Ferrace, Hartford, Conn. Paul, Eddy, Rich, and the rest of the team are anxious and ready. Let's hear from some of the clubs around here.

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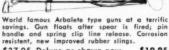
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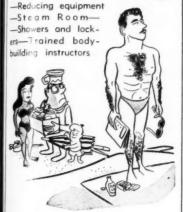
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dered spears is now legal.

It was a big job, but we took it on and with the help of other skin divers, Dick Metzler and Betty Watts, Ford Sea Horses, Detroit; Carl Forshand, Grand Rapids; and individuals from Michigan United Conservation Club.

Boise, Idaho . . . HELLDIVERS II

By John Arrington

Our two newest members, Bill Lewis and John Lundy, brought honor and prestige to our club this month as they copped a first place in the North Junior High Hobby Fair. Their display, containing skin and scuba diving gear, pictures, and club jackets, won the blue ribbon in the miscellaneous hobbies division.

The R.S.S. team performed two jobs this month and received excellent newspaper coverage. The team members dived in the 38° water below Lucky Peak Dam for the believed dead victim of an automobile accident near there. Happily the man was found in Portland the following morning. A week later the team traveled to Diversion Dam to survey the damage caused by a hole in the sluice gate of the by pass tunnel.

Our first ice dive of the year took place at McCall, Idaho on the shores of Payette Lakes. We dived in the logging pond of a saw mill and didn't have to chop through any ice. Bruce Whittig, Larry Yates, and Bob Blackburn logged 85 foot dives in the 33 degree water.

Club members are getting good results with the underwater flash cameras they have constructed. We are eagerly looking for-ward to the summer diving season and the warmer water and weather.

Tacoma, Washington TACOMA SCUBANEERS

By Hank Lamont

The Tacoma Boat show is here and once again we are displaying skin diving gear. Our display this year consists of the new Divers Flag. We feel that this is a good time to acquaint the public with it. Also in our display are several types of suits, guns and "Earl" our five foot-two inch mounted wolfeel.

Bob Kroeger, Jim Riedel, Tom Johnson, Mike Sorber, George Ralsted and Jim Sanders went on a dive to Hoods Canal. As Bob puts it "it was fabulous." They left Tacoma at seven-thirty in the morning and arrived at the Canal at nine-thirty. They were met with open arms by the local neighbors and were told where the best diving spots were. Don-ning their gear and spear guns they entered the water to see if it was as good as all the stories they had heard about it. Snorkel tubes were hardly wet when Bob came thrashing to the surface with a 19 pound Ling Cod on his spear shaft. Then Mike and Tom came up with a Ling Cod each. Boy, what a spot, scallops were all over the place as well as oysters and clams of all types. Jim and George came up wrestling a twenty pound, five foot-six inch Wolf Eel.

This was it, it was skin diving at its best. Then to top things off an octopus was spotted. This was a good time to get in a little Octopi wrestling before the world championship on May 11th, so all members pounced on the creature and wrestled it from its lair. Arms, legs and tenacles were mixed in the hassle, but the Scubaneers were at their best and won the battle. After taken to shore, it weighed in at fifty pounds.

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the water barren of all fish life. The bottom weeds are still very dormant. Lem used a

1/6" wet suit for about 20 minutes, but then

the freezing water forced him out. Dry or heavy wet suits with wet gloves were found

The Sunday after found Lee Hamilton,

Jim Smith, Dale Pratt and myself collecting

bottom samples and searching for inything that moved. Water was 42 degrees in shallow

areas. Lee and Dale lung dived to 50 feet

several air drums under his dock, thus sav-

Hardware store for giving us part of their booth in the Sports Show. We talked to

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#### TIDEWATER SKIN DIVING ASSOCIATION

By Mary Aveyard

The sea going City of Norfolk has finally organized a Skin Diving Club. It seemed shame to let all the beautiful water at Ocean View, Virginia Beach and Cape Hatteras, be allowed to go unexplored. On March 12th

—Twenty Eight enthusiastic divers met to
form a club. They elected as their offices. Monty Montgomery, Charles Chapman, and Mary Aveyard.

Monty is a former member of the Mary land Waterbugs, Inc., of Baltimore, Md., and Mary Aveyard is past Secretary of the Albany Skin Diving Club, Inc., of Albany, N. Y. We would like to acknowledge our appreciation to the two aforementioned clubs for allowing us to use their Constitution as

an outline.

Anyone planning a vacation in or around Virginia Beach this summer and need a "buddy," contact Monty Montgomery, 24 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, JUstice 8-9079.



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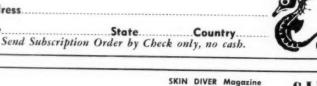
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By Ted Crowther

Diving in our waters is practically at a standstill this time of year due to the trade winds that blow during March extending through Lent. We are working some of the quiet sides of the small islands off shore finding few fish and some conch and lobster. The water is filled with sediment due to high waves, and visibility is very poor. We take little chance with poor visibility here due to the numerous Barracuda who are prone to strike in obscure water at quick movement or any small metal glint such as a face mask We practically associate with the Barracuda in clear water, and four or five footers are not uncommon. We don't fear them; just move slower and keep one eye on them until they satisfy their curiosity and move on to look over the next team.

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Kansas City, Missouri . . .

#### KANSAS CITY FROGMAN CLUB

By June Poplar

Kansas City's annual Sports, Boat and Travel Show, held early in February, attracted thousands of sports enthusiasts and the Kansas City Frogman booth was by no means Several members were on hand each night demonstrating Scuba in our observation tank, and our junior members were the center of attention with their efficient handling of equipment. Voit and Healthways provided films which were shown in our reverse projection booth, and helped to illustrate the thrills of underwater adven-

Attendance at regular meetings has in-creased greatly since the Sports Show and we now have several new members attending our ground school instruction course, preparatory to becoming "Frogmen".

Atlanta, Georgia . . . ATLANTA SKIN DIVERS

By Jack Faver

During the coldest winter months several of our most active divers have been busy assembling a good air station in the basement of my home. Dan Brisendine, John Peters, Ernie Fuchs, and Pete Howell have all been very helpful in this work. We now have the very best air available from an Ingersoll-Rand #3321 compressor powered by a 20 hp. Universal engine. Our air goes through eight separate filter stages and we fill our

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Houston, Texas . . .

#### HOUSTON UNDERWATER CLUB By George Herrera

The Houston Underwater Club was organized in February, 1957. We had a very successful season last year and are looking forward to an even better one this year. Our club has a membership of about 50 and we hope to double that figure by mid-summer.

Club activities include: Scuba training for new members and weekly trips to the Gulf of Mexico. A fishing contest is underway and a beautiful trophy will be awarded to the club member spearing the biggest fish.

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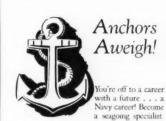
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In July of this year we will combine a Luau with a trophy awarding ceremony for nine lucky divers. So far, the winners include, Stan Zimolong for his abalone measuring 10% inches, and Frank Oling for his 151/2 pound lobster taken at Santa Cruz Island.

The Luau will be supervised by Lloyd Vios, native Hawaiian, and member of our club who incidently just returned from a vacation in his "home waters" where he reports: "Div-ing there is as great as ever." OH PO!!!

Our future plans include one and two day boat trips to eight nearby islands off the Southern California coast.

Spokane, Washington .

GEIGER TIGER SHARKS By E. Dwight Howard

With coughing engines and whining turbines giant transport aircraft returned the chilled air for Geiger Tiger Sharks from a somewhat disappointing 30 day stay in Florida A heavy training schedule and chilly daytime temperatures prevented any exten-sive diving. The order of the day was exposure suits or beachcombing for sea shells on the beautiful deserted beaches. Back in Spokane they were greeted with unseasonal temperatures of a warm 60° and beautiful ice free lakes

The Tiger Sharks accepted the new Divers Flag and displayed the flag with a novel poster at both the boat and sportsman show. This display will be presented at the local boating and sporting club meetings and then make scheduled rounds of marinas and sporting goods stores.

Tiger Shark Vital Statistics: Mermaids to Lt and Mrs. James Gunby and Lt. and Mrs. Bill Whatley-Buoys to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. E. Dwight Howard.

April will be a big month for the Tiger Sharks as the election of officers and the annual skin diving kick off banquet are held this month. Lt. Dornberger and Dwight Howard are to fly to San Clemente Isle for seven fabulous days of diving. Preparations are also being made with the Inland Empire Council of Divers and the local skin diving clubs the Spokane Skin Divers and the Spokane Aqua-Knights for a Clean Up Campaign of public swimming areas.

If you can eat jello with chop sticks in the rain plan to be at the annual Octopus Rodeo, May 11, in Seattle.

New Orleans, La. . BAJAOS SKIN DIVING CLUB By Burnie Dodge

We had our installation of officers for the coming year on April 19th, with a dance at the Metaire Community Center.

As of March 24th, we have made three diving trips to the Gulf since the first of the year. The first two trips were flops, because of the weather, but the last one, on March 16th was a huge success. Otis Gilmore speared the largest fish, a Grouper weighing 80 pounds. He also got one weighing 30 pounds. Other club members shot a variety of Sheepshead and Red Snapper along with smaller Grouper. If future trips are as successful as this one was, it looks as though we are in for a very good season and every last one of us is looking forward to it.

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Our club took its turn in the Illinois Councils' booth at the Sportsmen's show on Feb. 28th. We were informed the skin divers' part in the main show was cancelled for lack of time. Mere technicalities do not stop skin divers, however. Ed and Doc got into their rubber suits and stood on a chair while we explained the equipment to the folks. In all we put on about six shows and drew a larger total number of people than the Navy's helmeted diver.

Port Alberni, B.C., Canada . . . ALBERNI VALLEY AQUATEERS

By Kevan van Herd

It seems it is about time this end of the world got into the diving limelight, hence this report is to let those interested know we are active.

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#### HALIFAX FREE DIVERS

By Don Chiasson

I'm afraid the club has been almost completely inactive for the past couple of Doug Grant and Ralph Elliot did get in the water, but as it turned out conditions were terrible. The air temperature was 34° and the water was 37°. Doug brought his speargun along, only to discard it as visibility was zero. For a while Doug and Ralph poked around what was left of an old They soon tired of this and called it wharf. quits for the day.

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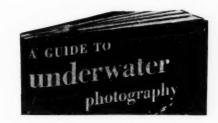
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